

**24 June 2022**

**Notice to Associations**

**Launch of the  
Electronic Booking Confirmation Note (eBCN) service  
in the Port of Hong Kong from 1 September 2022**

Further to the communication we shared with you in January 2022 regarding the Electronic Booking Confirmation Note (eBCN) service, members of Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association (HKCTOA) have been working closely with OnePort on the development of the service to prepare for rollout to the community to digitalize the paper-based documentation process for export containers. We deeply appreciate your effort and participation to support our digitalization initiative.

We would like to inform you that the full launch for eBCN will start from 1 September 2022. We appreciate your full support by completing the EDI requirement for error-free data transmission and enhancing your internal flow to prepare for the launch. Export booking data shall be fully transmitted through electronic means and export documentation will go paperless at terminals' gatehouses in full scale with effect from 31 March 2023. HKCTOA members will then accept only presentation of eBCN QR code for the release of empty containers and return of laden containers at our gatehouse.

We are pleased to share that some shipping lines have already started eBCN service to their customers. From now until the full implementation of eBCN, HKCTOA members will continue to work with OnePort and all the shipping lines to make necessary preparation.

With our collaboration and mutual efforts, we believe the successful implementation of eBCN will allow the Port of Hong Kong and shipping and logistics industry to ultimately streamline process, optimize resources and enhance productivity via benefits offered from digitalization.