

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Irish International Freight Association Reaches 100 Members

4th November, 2008. The Irish International Freight Association has this year gained its 100th full trading member.

The association, which was first established in 1962, has undergone significant growth in recent years and continues to aid and develop the industry through negotiating its members' interests with government departments and instigating training programmes to advance existing staff employed in freight forwarding and supply chain management.

The association's overall aim is to ensure that the concerns of members and their clients are heard and acted upon, thus ensuring that the flow of physical trade between Ireland and the rest of the world is as efficient and cost-effective as possible. IIFA is aware of the strategic importance of its role in a country where 82% of manufacturing output is exported, much of it by the 1,000+ overseas companies that have located here.

100 members is a mile stone for the association and further applications for membership are welcomed by C.E.O Colm Walsh, a freight forwarding veteran with nearly 50 years experience within the industry. A list of existing members and details of the application process can be found on the association website www.iifa.ie.

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About the IIFA

The IIFA is the sole representative body and official voice of the freight forwarding sector in Ireland. Established in 1962, it currently has 100 members who collectively employ more than 3,000 people and handle more than 90% of Ireland's €148 billion international merchandise trade.

Through its membership of the Customs Consultative Committee (CCC) and Trade Facilitation Ireland (TFI) the association participates in discussions on local issues affecting international trade. Representation at international level is conducted through IIFA's membership of FIATA.

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For more information on the association, please visit www.iifa.ie

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