

Association of Multimodal Transport Operators of India (AMTOI)

Background:

AMTOI was a result of the vision of its founders who had one sole objective – to promote Multimodalism. From operating out of their various offices, AMTOI finally bought its own Office at Kanakia Zillion, Kurla. Under the stewardship of its founders and subsequent executive committee members, AMTOI has grown in strength, stature, and significance.

Today, AMTOI is the only representative body for all MTOs in the Country.

A brief note on the Association:

- Following the enactment of the Multimodal Transportation of Goods Act, 1993, AMTOI (The Association of Multimodal Transport Operators of India) was established on 2nd December 1998., with a firm commitment to the cause of promoting Multimodal Transport.
- The Association is registered in Mumbai with Chapters in North, East, South and West.
- AMTOI is the only Pan India trade body in the shipping and logistics industry with current membership strength of over 340 MTOs across India who are registered with D.G. Shipping. In addition, AMTOI also has important Associate members like CFS operators, tank container operators, box operators, ship owners, shipping agents, and Air Freight operators.
- Under the patronage of AMTOI, various councils, namely NVOCC council, Liquid Logistics council, Youth Council and Women’s Wing etc. have been formed to provide assistance to these segments of the industry.
- AMTOI also has an Extended Board which was formed in the year 2010 and it comprises of nominees of 15 established and distinguished Trade Associations who are all important stakeholders in the international logistics sector. The Extended Board was formed for the purpose of discussing the common objectives of the Industry. The Extended Board comprises of the following entities:
 - ✓ The Air Cargo Agents Association of India (ACAAI)
 - ✓ Association of Container Train Operators (ACTO)
 - ✓ Indian National Shipowners' Association (INSA)
 - ✓ Indian Private Port & Terminals Association (IPPTA)
 - ✓ Container Shipping Lines Association (CSLA)
 - ✓ Maritime Association of Nationwide Shipping Agencies-India (MANSA)
 - ✓ Women’s International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA)
 - ✓ Consolidators Association of India (CAI)
 - ✓ Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI)

- ✓ CFS Association of India (CFSAI)
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- ✓ ICC Shipping Association (ICCSA)
- ✓ Air Cargo Forum India (ACFI)
- ✓ National Association of Container Freight Stations (NACFS)
- ✓ All India Transporters Welfare Association (AITWA)

The main objectives of AMTOI:

- To bring together Multimodal Transport Operators on a common platform at a national level
- To study the issues faced by MTOs and seek resolution with appropriate authorities
- To promote multimodal transport services in Domestic and Foreign trade
- To improve the quality of such services and reduce transaction costs
- To facilitate Skill Development for Logistics Sector
- To Promote implementation of Cargo Community System
- To Promote the growth of Indian flag ships and Container owners

AMTOI in Government Policy making:

Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways has invited AMTOI to forward their suggestions for the inclusion of Multimodal Transport as the 4th pillar in the Multimodal Transport Services (MTS) and has further invited our representation on various Expert Groups and committees.

AMTOI views have been sought on various topics such as GATS (General Agreement on Trade in Services) negotiations for maritime transport services sector. AMTOI has been involved in the following policies and legislations:

- Deliberations on Shipping Trade Practices Act
- MMTG Act amendments
- Drafting of Coastal Shipping Policy
- Drafting of International Shipping Policy
- Simplification of renewal process as a MTO with DG shipping
- Standing Committee for Promotion of Exports, SCOPE Shipping
- Implementation of Cargo Community System
- Policy Level Changes to get Registered MTO's to operate bonded warehouses have been recommended by AMTOI

Advantages of being an AMTOI member:

- Recognition in the Industry as a certified AMTOI member
- AMTOI membership certificate can be prominently displayed in the office and AMTOI logo can be used on your stationary, website and other collaterals
- Assistance in registration/renewal of MTO License
- GRF (Grievance Redressal Forum) is platform for the specific purpose of dispute resolution in an amicable manner without allowing the matter to precipitate into any legalities or arbitration. GRF has nominees from 7 constituents viz: ACCAI, BCBA, CAI, CSLA, FFFAI and MANSA. The collective expertise, wisdom and experience of all these associations is thereby available to members of AMTOI
- An opportunity to participate in drafting and submissions of various Industry related laws, regulations, bills etc. which AMTOI is invited to make from time to time.
- Participation in various Training sessions and seminars organized by AMTOI on important topics like, SCMTR registration process, Dangerous goods handling and transportation, registration with Government e-Marketplace (GeM), Personal Data Protection, Trade credit Insurance, Understanding Liability clauses under Bills of Lading etc.
- Weekly updates on Shipping Industry through AMTOI Weekly bulletin.
- AMTOI Cricket Tournament (ACT). An annual event where members are invited with their families and staff to participate in the event. This creates a lot of camaraderie amongst the participants and is a great networking platform
- Participation in Annual AMTOI Day event which provides an opportunity to meet with industry stalwarts and interact with them.
- AMTOI Dialogues – A monthly virtual event where an eminent personality is invited for a short interview followed by Q&A session.

AMTOI Office Bearers:

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