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### **AgTC Announces 2016 Ocean Carrier Performance Awards**

The [Agriculture Transportation Coalition](#) has announced the results of the 10th Annual AgTC Ocean Carrier Performance Survey, with three carriers attaining the highest scores in this year's Survey: **Hamburg Sud -- the AgTC Top Ranked Carrier 2016**. **Evergreen Shipping Agency** and **Hapag-Lloyd** were presented **AgTC Recognized Performance 2016** plaques.

During April and May 2016, AgTC member companies -- a broad and diverse cross-section of US agriculture and forest product exporters and importers, from all geographic locations, of virtually all dry and refrigerated products, via dry and refrigerated container--completed the Ocean Carrier Performance Survey.

**Hamburg Sud** collected the highest rankings in the 12 categories by which the carriers are rated by the members of the AgTC and thus was presented at the Annual Meeting as the top-ranked carrier for 2016. [Click here for a photo](#) of the presentation to Hamburg Sud.

Click here for photographs of [Evergreen Shipping Agency](#) and [Hapag-Lloyd](#) receiving AgTC Recognized Performance plaques.

Specific categories in which 19 ocean carriers were judged included: Booking; Pre-shipment Customer Service; Intermodal Door Service and Availability; Accuracy in Shipment Rating; Bill of Lading Release/Turn Time; Terminal Service; Equipment Availability; Documentation; Post-Shipment Services; Vessel Schedules/on Time Transit; and Overall Customer Service.

The carriers were presented to the assembled 400+ attendees at the Dinner, by AgTC Advisory Board members Duncan McGrath of Cargill, John Slinkard and Jolene Boothby of SunMaid, Michelle Staples of CellMark, Inc., Michael Symonanis of Allenburg Cotton/Louis Dreyfus, Tina Lyons of Double River Forwarding, and AgTC Executive Director Peter Friedmann.

The AgTC Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of agriculture and forest products transportation professionals in the US each year. Collectively, attendees at the Annual Meeting will book between 2 and 3 million TEU's. This year, the SOLAS Container Weight issue was front-and-center, with keynote speakers including Federal Maritime Commission Chairman Mario Cordero, U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Paul F. Thomas, Chairs of the AgTC SOLAS Committee and Refrigerated Container Committees Donna Lemm of Mallory Group, and Perry Bourne of Tyson Foods, and Presidents of MOL N.A., Hyundai N.A. and Zim N.A. (Richard Craig, Dave Arsenault and George Goldman).

AgTC is the principal voice of agricultural exporters in US transportation policy. Its members include agriculture exporters and importers, freight forwarders of US agriculture exports, agriculture trade associations, and State Departments of agriculture. Virtually every agriculture export commodity is represented in the AgTC membership.

More information about the Agriculture Transportation Coalition and the Annual Meeting can be found at [www.agtrans.org](http://www.agtrans.org). Please direct inquiries to [info@agtrans.org](mailto:info@agtrans.org) or 202-783-3333.