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**Logistics Industry to Step Up Efforts to Improve Supply Chain Safety & Compliance**

The Australian Logistics Council has sent a strong and powerful message to industry and government that it will step up its efforts to take a leadership role to improve supply chain safety and compliance.

The Australian Logistics Council has committed to a range of actions emanating from the ALC Supply Chain Safety & Compliance Summit held this week in Sydney.

Around 300 delegates attended the two-day Summit on 26-27 August to share ideas, benchmark best practice and identify areas where improvements can be made to improve safety and compliance outcomes.

“While government figures show us that safety is improving in our industry, it is clear that there is much more to be done to make the supply chain safer and more compliant,” said Michael Kilgariff, ALC Managing Director.

“The only way to do this is to take a whole of supply chain approach to safety and to ensure there are greater levels of cooperation between industry members to focus on areas requiring greater focus.

“The Chain of Responsibility laws embedded into the Heavy Vehicle National Law affect all parties in the supply chain and it was therefore encouraging to see a wide range of transporters, customers and suppliers at the Summit - all of whom are committed to improvements in supply chain safety and compliance outcomes.

“As Ingilby Dickson, Chair of the ALC Safety Committee said in his opening address, we have come a long way since last year’s Summit to address a range of areas that needed attention, including strengthening and streamlining the [ALC Codes of Practice](#).

“Improving safety is a never ending journey, and so there are always areas where improvements can be made to make the supply chain safer and more compliant with Chain of Responsibility laws.

“In response, ALC will continue to focus on refining the [ALC National Logistics Safety Code of Practice](#) to ensure it meets the needs of industry by assisting them to meet their Chain of Responsibility obligations.

“ALC will also work with our members and industry partners to implement the actions that were agreed upon by Summit participants.

“And while ALC is committed to taking a leadership role, I also take this opportunity to challenge all industry members to take make safety and compliance their highest priority, and to implement measures that ensures they meet their Chain of Responsibility obligations,” he concluded.

**See below for Agreed Actions from the ALC Supply Chain Safety & Compliance Summit.**

- [Click here](#) for information on how ALC is implementing actions from the 2014 Summit.
- [Click here](#) for ALC’s new video on the **National Logistics Safety Code**.
- [Click here](#) for the opening address at the ALC Supply Chain Safety & Compliance Summit.

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## **ALC Supply Chain Safety & Compliance Summit Actions**

- ALC to work more closely with national/state industry bodies and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to identify where resources can be shared to improve safety and compliance outcomes on common CoR issues, particularly in regards to compliance and enforcement
- ALC to work with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to explore how CoR can be more deeply embedded into organisations' standard operating procedures.
- ALC to explore how the ALC National Logistics Safety Code of Practice may be more closely aligned and potentially integrated into a Safe Work Australia code framework.
- ALC to raise with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator how the NHVR can lead a more targeted approach to combating drug use in the industry.
- NTC encouraged to ensure its proposed changes to Chain of Responsibility are provided to industry for feedback prior to lodgement with the Transport and Infrastructure Council
- ALC to review potential Chain of Responsibility changes from the NTC's CoR review and assess possible implications for the ALC National Logistics Safety Codes of Practice
- ALC to progress initiatives to better understand the link between driver health and the efficient and safe operation of heavy vehicles
- Circulate all case studies discussed at the Summit to relevant ALC Code participants
- ALC to examine draft Road Safety Remuneration Orders, including contractor payments, to better understand implications for the ALC National Logistics Safety Codes of Practice. ALC to link with other associations to consult on RSRT current reviews.
- ALC to explore the potential development of a Container Code through the establishment of a Steering Committee
- ALC to engage and collaborate with relevant regulators and industry members to communicate new obligations imposed by amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)
- ALC to increase advocacy for the mandatory introduction of telematics for heavy vehicles
- ALC to engage with UNSW to provide feedback and volunteers to inform its ongoing heavy vehicle safety research
- Steel Code signatories to provide feedback on proposed 'step-change' improvements to the administration of the Code as well as the driver app
- Continue to build the Retail Logistics Safety Code of Practice (RLSC) brand
- Review and increase education of the Partnership Audit Review (PAR) process
- Circulate company board reporting presentations and develop / roll out a standard set of industry metrics and reporting on CoR board reporting
- ALC to investigate development a set of minimum standards on the processes for engaging sub-contractors