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IAS launches chassis software solution for US
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Following the exit of several ocean carriers from providing chassis in the US, International Asset Systems (IAS) has launched ChassisManager in order to ensure a 'smooth transition' to the new model.

A statement from the Oakland-headquartered web-based intermodal applications provider, said that ChassisManager helps chassis providers grow new revenues, reduce expenses, and ensure a stable supply of assets to meet market demand, while making it easier for chassis users to secure the equipment they need.

'Ocean carriers continue to rapidly move away from chassis ownership and in order to ensure a smooth transition from the old ocean carrier provisioning model to the new motor carrier-based model, and to ensure a safe, consistent and reliable source of chassis to meet on-going customer demand, a mutually beneficial platform is required.

'ChassisManager meets this need and is coming to be accepted as the solution that the industry requires,' said Christopher Mazza, senior vice president of business development at IAS.

'Even though chassis are a critical component in the intermodal supply chain of containerised cargo, many motor carriers and other chassis users do not know what to expect in terms of chassis availability, prices, and exceptions in the new chassis provisioning model. We address these issues with the ChassisManager solution.'

The solution has been launched in conjunction with its first customer, Hampton Roads Chassis Pool (HRCP).

The new HRCF will leverage ChassisManager to streamline motor carrier registration, enable pre-bill review, dispute resolution, invoicing, and payment for chassis rental.

'As the ocean carriers engage in the new chassis provisioning model we have collaborated with IAS to ensure a safe, seamless and smooth transition. ChassisManager meets the needs of our valued motor carrier partners and provides services to meet their needs as the chassis model changes,' said Art Ellermann, general manager of HRCF.

ChassisManager utilises the IAS cloud infrastructure and InterAsset platform and provides functions including:

Chassis user registration and administration - establishes and enforces chassis user acceptance criteria and business rules; integrates with industry-specific insurance compliance clearinghouse.

Event management - receives event data from the chassis pools as they release and accept equipment; generates exception reports to monitor compliance and to correct errors for improved billing accuracy.

Pre-billing and invoicing - generates invoices to motor carriers for their use of chassis; stores rates, billing rules, and billable events; integrates with chassis owners' systems; incorporates pre-bill functionality that enables motor carriers to dispute incorrect underlying activity rather than charges on generated invoices.

Collections - accepts payment using ACH, credit cards or other commonly accepted methods; provides on-line invoice resolution; tracks collection efforts.

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