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The cloud-based intermodal solutions provider IAS said Wednesday it has released changes to its ChassisManager program at the Hampton Roads Chassis Pool (HRCP) to address changes in the chassis-provisioning model in the United States.

Liner carriers are in the process of phasing out ownership of container chassis throughout the country.

IAS said ChassisManager has undergone a significant update that adds new features, simplified processes, and new ocean carrier functionality. Additionally, new ocean carrier partners with exception-based billing rules have joined the carriers already using ChassisManager.

The updates to the solution are focused on responding to motor carriers' requests regarding invoicing data. The changes include extending the time period between invoices, introducing new data elements to the chassis trip view screen, and adding payment and adjustment validations. The ChassisManager release also allows ocean carriers to log in and review trips related to their containers.

"HRCP is dedicated to ongoing improvements to the chassis program and these changes are a direct result of customer feedback: they asked and we listened," said Art Ellermann, general manager of HRCP, in a statement.

On April 1, four ocean carriers (OOCL, COSCO, Hyundai, and Hanjin) began sending data that determines if a chassis trip should be billed to the ocean carrier or to the motor carrier using the chassis. These ocean carriers join others already using simpler business rules within ChassisManager.

Additional ocean carriers are scheduled for onboarding the solution over the next two months.

"HRCP and IAS have worked closely with ocean carriers to translate the very complex exception-based billing rules into clear invoicing information," IAS said. "The most recent update to the application provides advanced visibility as to how these moves are being billed."

ChassisManager was introduce in August 2012 to provide chassis user registration and administration, event management automation, pre-billing reconciliation, and invoicing. HRCP was the first customer for the solution. - Eric Johnson