

CNE - Committee of North Sea Port Forwarding Agents

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Some Freight Forwarding Associations formed the basis of the foundation of CNE:

- ◆ Hamburg (*Verein Hamburger Spediteur e.V.*)
- ◆ Bremen (*Verein Bremer Spediteure e.V.*)
- ◆ Amsterdam (*Scheepvaart Vereniging Noord Vakgroep Expediteurs*)
- ◆ Rotterdam (*Vereniging van Rotterdamse Expediteurs*)
- ◆ Antwerp (*Vereniging Expediteurs Antwerpen*)
- ◆ Gent (*Vereniging der Expediteur van Vlaanderen*)

The Freight Forwarding Associations of Amsterdam and Gent are no longer member of CNE but over the years Le Havre and the British Humber Ports also joined the Committee.

Members of CNE:

Verein Hamburger Spediteure e.V.

Verein Bremer Spediteure e.V.

Antwerp Freight Forwarding Association

Nederlandse Organisatie voor Expeditie en Logistiek

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CNE was originally founded to coordinate the negotiations with the shipping conferences regarding freight rates and surcharges in the different trades.

Due to the cooperation between the members of CNE, it was possible to

strongly react towards the shipping conferences and defend the interests of the forwarding community.

CNE was in that time very successful, most of the conferences and shipping companies accepted CNE as interlocutor on behalf

of the freight forwarders.

One of the results was that freight forwarders received a commission (FAC) when booking with shipping companies.

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CNE provides an excellent platform to discuss similarities and differences in the different ports, to compare procedures and regulations and to inform about recent port developments and economic opportunities.

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Exchange of experience, discussion on trends and agreements

In the first years, regular meetings were organized to prepare the consultation with the shipping conferences but also the exchange of experiences, discussion on trends and agreements were fixed items on the agenda.

The position of CNE changed when the European Commission started to object against the existence of the shipping conferences, fixed prices

and tariffs in order to promote free competition.

This change had also a strong impact on the work of the forwarders.

In the more recent years following topics appear on the agenda of the annual meetings: trade facilitation (paperless customs, AEO, Single Window, Centralized Customs Clearance...), the use

of Incoterms in the different ports, EU transport policy, Rotterdam Rules, ADR regulations, FAC, port community systems, etc.