**INTRO – ECTA Annual Report 2017 & Highlights 2018**

Even though 2019 has already started at full business speed, the ECTA team wants to first wish all our ECTA members a safe, prosperous and healthy New Year. At the same time, we take the opportunity to look briefly back to last year by referring to our ECTA annual report 2017-2018 where we have published the consolidated 2017 Responsible Care performance KPI’s and summarized our highlights over 2018.

The link to the ECTA Annual report can be find here.

For 2019, ECTA is ready to tackle together with you the next wave of challenges within chemical logistics. Through this newsletter we are happy to keep you informed about our working program for 2019 with important topics around SQAS 2019, The updated ECTA-Cefic best practice guidelines, truck driver shortage & skills, RC KPI’s 2018, digitalization & collaboration and any new steps towards a zero incident, paperless and more carbon friendly supply chain.

**Responsible Care: Annual RC KPI Report for Transport Changed**

Per 1st of January 2019 the format of the Annual 2018 RC KPI Report template for Transport has been updated to reflect two major changes in the data to be reported. These changes are:

As announced during the last Responsible Care Workshop in October 2018, the reporting of Emission Data in the annual KPI report are now of a voluntary nature. ECTA has discontinued the consolidation of this KPI in the ECTA Annual Report after receiving criticism that the emission calculation method used in the KPI report were not specific/accurate enough. It is strongly recommended that each ECTA member continues to have a system in place to calculate emissions for its transport activities. Such an emissions tracking system is asked for in the 2019 SQAS questionnaire, and indeed more and more customers are requesting emission data as well.

For members who wish to continue the voluntary reporting via the ECTA KPI Reports, we welcome the data. The current ‘ECTA’ calculation methods are not envisaged to change in 2019.
In the summary of trucks used for Report, the EURO I, II and III are now consolidated in 1 box. In the same summary a new box has been added to include the category of ‘Alternative Combustion’ (Hybrid/Fully Electric/LNG/Hydrogen Cells/etc.)

The RC KPI forms for Warehousing and Cleaning Stations have not been changed for 2018. May we ask each ECTA RC member to provide their inputs to the Responsible Care Annual KPI Reporting before 28th February 2019. The latest 2018 RC KPI template can be found here.

On Time Responsible Care 2018 KPI Reporting

For several years it has been difficult to get all Annual RC KPI Reports sent to ECTA in time. Whereas most of our RC members sent us their KPI reports for the past year before the end of the first quarter of the new year, more than 30 percent did not. A few sent in their reports only in the 3rd quarter, which is unacceptable. We trust that with the component of CO2 emissions reporting becoming voluntary, a cause for possible delay has been taken out.

ECTA will follow up on the timely reporting during the first quarter of 2019.

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SQAS 2019: The revised P.A.D.

We draw the reader’s attention to the revised Pre-Assessment Document as created by Cefic. The database system as designed by Pharox has been updated as well and this includes the lay-out and use of the P.A.D. In the old SQAS versions most data had to be put in an excel format, and after completion would be uploaded by the assessor prior to the assessment.

This uploading of data has now become the task of the company to be assessed. This new approach takes away the extra check by the assessor. During the refresher training of the accredited SQAS assessors in November 2018 this change was discussed and most assessors expect their clients (the companies to be assessed) to experience some initial problems with this new task.

ECTA’s Responsible Care Workshop

The ECTA RC program was founded in 2009 and exists this year for 10 years!! With pleasure we can announce that our 10th anniversary ECTA’s Responsible Care Workshop shall be held on Thursday 12th September 2019. Venue is again the Novotel Brussels Airport Hotel. The ECTA Team is currently drafting the program of the Workshop and we expect to offer the participants a day full of interesting subjects brought to you by a range of presenters.

Workshop agenda items and speakers, participation fees for members and non-members and other relevant information will be provided by e-mail and on ECTA’s website.
ECTA’s SQAS survey

In Q4 of 2018 ECTA initiated a survey to obtain input regarding our members’ experiences with SQAS during recent years. This survey followed ECTA’s Position Paper which was based on comments from our members. We want to thank you for all your reactions and have summarized the results in the table and graph below. Of course, all your individual input will be treated confidentially.

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It is our intention to use the information generated by the survey for improvement purposes and continue ECTA’s support for a stronger SQAS 2019 implementation.

ECTA ANNUAL MEETING 2018
Thursday 29 November in Düsseldorf

With more than 135 members and non-members attending, the Düsseldorf conference was successful with the format and themes, location and excellent networking opportunities.

The format has been changed: we reduced the number of presentations given; this allowed time for a better focus on networking. This approach at the same time allowed more time for open discussion.

We also added two different panels discussions after the presentations.

In brief, it was a very positive conference with a lot of enthusiastic and encouraging feed-backs from the delegates.

And we are more than happy to share with you most of our presentations made by our invited speakers during the event:

- Cefic Supply Chain Issue Team: Focus & Priorities from Simon Goswell
- Digitalization, Smart supply chain and Cybersecurity in Ports & across the Chemical Logistics chain from Erwin Verstraelen
- The eECD Project: Is a digital ECD becoming the new paperless norm across Europe as of 2019? from Peter Devos
- RC Update and SQAS program 2019 from Evert de Jong
- How to avoid cybercrime within Chemical Logistics and Transport? from Gerry Grant
The digital eECD is being launched in Q1 2019.

After a successful eECD pilot project last year, the digital EFTCO cleaning document is being prepared for use in practice at cleaning and loading stations and this at different locations across BE, NL and GE. The list of companies below did consider an eECD licence subscription in Dec-Jan and are building each their plans to move forward with the paperless eECD in Q1 2019. This list and eECD company network will be further updated through the ECLIC website www.eclic.eu. For any questions, ECTA members can reach out to info@eclic.eu or peter.devos@ecta.com.

On February 19, 2019 an eECD Webinar is being organized by Cefic where extra information will be shared on the digital EFTCO cleaning document. More info on the webinar can be find here.

Subscription to the webinar is open for ECTA members.

ECTA codes: minor guideline revision.

Back in December last year, an ECTA member and active user of the ECTA codes, did find an ambiguity in Annex 1 of the guideline “ECTA-Cefic guidelines for standardized coding of transport events – ECTA codes” which we meanwhile corrected.

Please click here to download the latest revision.

Meanwhile the new Cefic-ECTA guidelines of “Safe storage and handling of containers carrying dangerous goods and hazardous substances” (March 2018) has been published on the ECTA website. The link can be found here.

Driver shortage and skills.

The ECTA-Cefic network of experts group did continue their efforts to define a common solution framework and summary document aiming to ensure the chemical industry becomes a sector of choice to retain existing truck driver talent and to be able to attract new (young) truck drivers. In addition, the report aims to come up with a top 5 of recommendations shippers and transport companies can do to optimize (un)loading operations, reduce waiting times on sites and improve the health and well-being of the truck driver. The final report is now expected to be publicized in Q2 2019.
UPCOMING ECTA EVENTS

ECTA RESPONSIBLE CARE WORKSHOP
12 September 2019 in Brussels

ECTA ANNUAL MEETING
14 November 2019 in Düsseldorf

Greetings from the ECTA Board of Directors & the ECTA team

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