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NEWSLETTER

HIGHLIGHTS

We are pleased to share with you the second edition of the ECTA newsletter. In this issue, we present our latest updates and communicate the topics that are important to us. Please don't hesitate to give us your feedback. Your opinion is very important to us!

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BE ECTA BE RESPONSIBLE CARE

We are delighted to be able to count on you among our ECTA members. And on the twentieth anniversary of the association, we would like to remind you of the advantages of being an ECTA and Responsible Care member.

First, being an ECTA member give you and your company access to >100 companies across the Europe Chemical Logistics and transport arena who are of the same opinion as yourselves and share similar issues and opportunities. Indeed, some of you frequently undergo SQAS assessments, which shows a commitment to HSE and improvements across the Chemical logistics supply chain.

It also opens up avenues for networking, being involved in decision making and participating in working groups developing best practice guidelines for our industry.



ADVANTAGES OF BEING AN ECTA MEMBER

Development & sharing of best practices in the transport and logistics of chemical goods in Europe
An authoritative voice at European level

Participation to the Responsible Care (RC) Program that is underbuilt with the needs of the Chemical Industry and supported by Cefic

Hands-on Information on the evolution of transport and logistics issues including digitalization

Assistance on resolving European transport issues

Promotion of activities which may be of interest to the European chemical transport and associated activities of the logistics industry

Promotion of safe and secure chemical transport across Europe

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NOT YET AN ECTA RESPONSIBLE CARE MEMBER?

In becoming a member of an Approved Responsible Care Scheme, ECTA offer you the opportunity to show your involvement in **green supply chain logistics in Europe**; that also allows a Responsible Care Certificate for your company.

ECTA launched the Responsible Care (RC) scheme for transport in February 2009 with the aim of creating a unique networking opportunity and at the same time give companies access to first-hand information on what is happening and evolving in the transport and logistics of chemical goods in Europe.

Responsible Care has been expanded to include both Warehousing and Tank Cleaning. ECTA see these as inter related with the transport activity and ECTA wish to evolve Responsible Care throughout the Chemical logistics supply chain.

HOW TO APPLY TO BECOME AN ECTA RESPONSIBLE CARE MEMBER?

You will be asked to grant the ECTA RC team access to your Transport, Warehousing and Tank Cleaning SQAS Assessments. If the SQAS reports of your company meet the RC approval criteria when reviewed, the RC Coordinator that you will have appointed inside your company will then be required to sign a "Commitment Agreement". ECTA will then issue a Responsible Care Certificate that will allow you to show your customers your involvement and commitment to an Approved Responsible Care Scheme.

[ECTA Responsible Care application form](#)

The annual Responsible Care fees are 1000€/year and an additional 100€ per additional report over 5 SQAS reports (all SQAS reports, covering Transport, Warehousing and Tank Cleaning, make one calculation).

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SQAS REVISIONS

As follow up on the previous newsletter, we can inform you that the revision work on all SQAS modules is progressing as scheduled. Cefic's objective is to publish the new questionnaires and guidelines by the end of July 2018. This will enable users who have planned their (re-)assessments after January 1st, 2019 to have enough time to prepare with the revised requirements.

The revision work of Core, Transport Service, Cleaning Station and Warehousing modules have included for example:

- Some high scoring and some duplicated questions have been deleted.
- Some high scoring questions have been combined into single questions.
- The wording of some questions or guidelines have been changed to clarify in a more exact way what the requirements are.
- The issue of plastic pellets loss is more explicitly addressed.
- The SQAS Attestation is discontinued.
- The SQAS Summary Report will be upgraded to replace the Attestation.

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- The SQAS Summary Report is also being reviewed and might include a weighing factor for subcontracting to re-calculate the overall report score, however this ‘pure’ mathematical scoring is strongly opposed by ECTA. Such mathematical subcontracting score runs the risk to award a superficial use of the SQAS system and in addition it ‘oversimplifies’ the operational value of SQAS and the importance of what’s behind a number.

While ECTA is working operationally very closely together with the ECTA-Cefic RC operational teams, ECTA’s position towards the 2018 SQAS revisions is generally positive and supportive (apart from the oversimplified subcontracting score). Despite this positive momentum, some ECTA members did recently raise concerns that Chemical Companies do increase the number of external “non-SQAS” audits at their sites and besides, some Transport Procurement Officers do miss the basic understanding of what the “end to end” SQAS audit process entails in terms of effort and value.

Given the above, ECTA stresses the point that the implementation of the new SQAS 2018 revision should be accompanied with a clear Cefic communication strategy not only reaching out to RC experts but also reaching out to Operational Logistics Leads and Procurement Officers within each Chemical Company. This way, ECTA-Cefic can ensure the chemical goods are moved in a safe, secure and sustainable way and SQAS remains the cornerstone within a Chemical Logistics collaboration.

A further chance to get more detailed information about changes in SQAS will be offered during the **ECTA Responsible Care workshop**, where it is part of the agenda.

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The workshop will be held again at **Novotel Brussels Airport on 4th October 2018**.

[For registration, please click here.](#)

CO2 CALCULATIONS & ECTA’s R.C. KPI REPORTING

Recently discussions were held by Cefic and ECTA to see if a revision of the current practice for ECTA members to calculate their CO2 emissions would be necessary. The methodology applied in the annual KPI reporting under ECTA’s Responsible Care initiative is based on the 2011 Cefic/ECTA Guideline for Measuring and Managing CO2. Further studies are now underway to get confirmation of the need to change the table contents in the guideline. First results and possibly guideline draft changes are expected in 2018.

During these discussions we received a strong indication from the chemical industry that the consolidation of CO2 totals as reported in our members’ KPI reports does not contribute much information regarding improvement trend. The results as provided by individual KPI reports may show such improvement, in the consolidation by ECTA these details are lost. ECTA will discontinue the CO2 Totals component from its annual report. In the RC KPI report form the CO2 component will stay but the reporting of these details will be voluntary.

This subject has also been put on the agenda of the ECTA Responsible Care workshop. The workshop will be held again at Novotel Brussels Airport on 4th October 2018. For registration you may consult our website (www.ecta.com).

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eECD UPDATE

Since the previous newsletter development work has continued to design and develop the eECD process workflow. In April, the eECD platform and application IT development work got started in close cooperation with the IT partners Nxtport, Nallian and Pionira. The EFTCO cleaning document is further digitalized in close cooperation between ECTA, essenscia and EFTCO. Paperless working in chemical logistics will become the standard in the coming years and several Chemical, Cleaning and Transport pilot companies have joined our initiative to further design the digital eECD process in full detail. Meanwhile the IT development partners prepared and presented a first eECD application alpha version to the eECD pilot companies mid-June. A more complete demo is planned for early July. Just after summer, the application connectivity with legacy platforms will be developed and tested according to the needs and to avoid double input and type over work. Once the application is fully tested and stabilized, a second wave of new companies can get on board in September while the sale of licenses we expect to be sold during Q4 2018. For sure more info will be shared at the ECTA annual meeting end November.

The overall IT development progress, the chemical industry buy-in and association support for the eECD project is excellent. With an eye to the organizational needs, the “non-profit association” ECLIC or European Chemical Logistics Information Council got formed by ECTA, essenscia and EFTCO. ECLIC is meanwhile fully operational with a complete ECLIC Governance board to define the data terms and sharing rules amongst all stakeholders.

More information can be found via a newly launched website at www.eclic.eu.

ECLIC’s ambition goes beyond the eECD project and other digital Use Cases of secure data sharing might emerge, however the eECD Use Case remains the most important Use Case for the next 6-12 months.

If people want to receive more information about the eECD project or want to make sure they on board early, an email can be sent to info@eclic.eu or to peter.devos@ecta.com.

UPDATE ON DRIVER AVAILABILITY & SKILLS ECTA-Cefic NETWORKS OF EXPERTS

The ECTA-Cefic network of expert team did finalize during the last quarter the recommendations & solutions framework on driver availability and skills that was presented at the SCM Issues team. After an in depth analysis of all the different causes, the team looked for new ways on how to mitigate driver availability and skills within the chemical logistics sector. Together with Cefic, a strategy has been worked out with the aim that the chemical sector should become the sector of choice for truck drivers. To achieve that objective, a **chemical focused workgroup** will work out the gate in-out process harmonization for truck drivers including improved truck driver infrastructure and this at both production and customer sites. Most important goal is to harmonize the current different way of working at sites up to a level that requirements are creating confusion for truck drivers aiming to do a good job. Furthermore, a **transport focused workgroup** will start next quarter to work out a standard set of truck driver qualifications that fit the requirements of the Chemical Industry.

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The latter should also improve the qualification and career ladder for a chemical truck driver so that people can build up experience dealing with handling and transport of chemicals in a safe and compliant way. The following participants form the new Transport team of experts (Richard van Capellen – Den Hartogh; Michael Schaaf – Bay Logistics; Martin Hallam – XPO logistics; Peter Rakocz – LKW Walter; Michael Koch – Bertschi; Peng Paternostre – Cefic; Peter Devos - ECTA. A final report is expected in Q4 2018. In case further info is required you can contact peter.devos@ecta.com

UPCOMING ECTA EVENTS



RESPONSIBLE CARE WORKSHOP

4 October 2018 in Brussels

<https://www.ecta.com/event-2802694>

Please submit your burning Responsible Care topics to Evert de Jong in preparation of the final agenda.

ECTA ANNUAL MEETING

29 November 2018 in Düsseldorf

<https://www.ecta.com/event-2802705>

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