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# NEWSLETTER

## HIGHLIGHTS

We are pleased to share with you the May 2019 edition of the ECTA newsletter.

Please don't hesitate to give us your feedback.

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## 10 Years ECTA Responsible Care

In February 2009, by signing the Responsible Care Commitment document during a special event in Barcelona, the first group of ECTA members joined this initiative thus officially starting the new sustainability program. For ECTA, the Responsible Care Initiative is a key program which allows transport companies to demonstrate its RC engagement and leadership towards its customers on top of the SQAS assessment program. The Board of Directors and the ECTA Team want to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with you at our Annual Meeting in Düsseldorf. During the Responsible Care workshop in September 2019 this milestone will also be commemorated.

## RC Workshop 2019

On 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 the annual ECTA Responsible Care Workshop will be held again at Novotel Brussels Airport. The workshop has this time some new Responsible Care related issues on the agenda and ensures to be an interesting and interactive day for the participants.



This time and based upon the 2018 RC workshop feedback, we have limited the number of presentations, and increased the discussion time after each RC agenda topic to enable more cross-participants interactions, insights and leanings.

The main items on the agenda are:

- Emergency Response in Chemical Logistics – What's changing?
- SQAS for a Sustainable Future
- LNG Trucks for Liquid Bulk – Benefits and Challenges.

The presenters are again the quality level experts that the participants have come to expect from our ECTA RC Workshop.

During the workshop ECTA will further present the available Responsible Care data and provide a view of current and future activities. We will also commemorate the fact that the ECTA Responsible Care Initiative celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019.

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## RC KPI 2018 Reporting

To date, most of the required 2018 Annual KPI Reports have been sent in. While this return is much better than recent years, it is still disappointing that a few of our Responsible Care members have difficulties consolidating their internal data to complete their reports. A 3<sup>rd</sup> round of reminders to this small, select group will hopefully enable us to complete our ECTA Annual RC Reporting before long. The KPI reporting for Transport will slightly differ from previous years, since the emission reporting is now optional and will not lead to a consolidation of emission data.

The Truck selection part has been revised as well in the 2018 KPI Transport form, to enable our RC members to report the use of Truck running on alternative energy sources.



## SQAS Task Force

Cefic and ECTA have continued their talks which started in the first quarter of 2019. Meanwhile an **SQAS Task Force** was formed to create a forum in which the future SQAS developments and improvements could be discussed at associations' level. The Task Force members are from Cefic, FECC, EFTCO and ECTA, and ECTA is represented by Peter Devos and Evert de Jong. It is envisaged that the first results of the SQAS Task Force discussions will be formally discussed during the SQAS Annual Assembly in June 2019. News about progress will certainly be reported in next newsletters.



## T&RC Meeting

On March 15<sup>th</sup> a meeting was held for ECTA's Technical & Responsible Care Committee. The members of this team (<https://www.ecta.com/Technical-and-RC-Committee>) meet at least once a year the day prior to ECTA's annual Responsible Care Workshop. Other T&RC meetings during the year are mostly by teleconference. The March 15 meeting was held at Talke's HQ in Hürth to particularly discuss SQAS 2019, Responsible Care Reporting and to prepare for the 2019 RC Workshop to be held at Brussels on 12 September 2019.

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## The first paperless eECD's are issued...!

Between February and May 2019, different eECD (eECD= electronic EFTCO Cleaning Document) pilot production teams kicked off the digital eECD process in a life IT production and logistics field environment. Meanwhile each team, composed with users from chemical, transport and cleaning companies have been able to produce their first digital eECD's, performing paperless eECD closed loop scenario's. Such closed loop scenario starts with an unclean equipment at the cleaning station where the digital eECD is issued and digitally signed off. Furthermore the equipment operator assigns the equipment to a loading place where eventually the loading operator accepts the digital eECD and completes the loading process. During this production phase (Feb-May), some practical startup issues have been identified and resolved.

In addition to enable seamless collaboration using company existing systems, in Q1-Q2, the digital eECD API process integration with cleaning software vendors and message brokers like Elemica have started. This more integrated process is planned to be tested and rolled out before summer in order to prepare for scale and reducing any manual inputs of cleaning, transport and loading information. These integration efforts, will give a boost to the new digital eECD process as of the second half of 2019 and we recommend our ECTA members to keep a close eye on this evolution and reading our ECTA newsletter for further updates.

The new digital process will also be presented and explained at the Munich Transport Logistic exhibition (June 4-7<sup>th</sup>) through EFTCO-DVTI.

Companies are more than welcome to join the eECD company network and can subscribe to this digital and paperless eECD process by sending an eECD subscription form to [info@eclit.eu](mailto:info@eclit.eu). (form can be downloaded from [www.eclit.eu](http://www.eclit.eu)). ECTA members can reach out with any further questions to [peter.devos@ecta.com](mailto:peter.devos@ecta.com).



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## Driver availability and skills – How to make Chemicals the sector of choice for truck drivers?

Dealing with the structural shortage of rightly qualified chemical truck drivers, remains as a top priority on the transport companies agenda and ECTA-Cefic formed a Network of Experts in 2017 to deeper investigate this topic while defining some practical recommendations that can be implemented at both the shipper and transport side within the (petro)chemical sector...

In 2019, the ECTA-Cefic Network of Experts did continue their efforts defining a common solution framework and 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.

During April-May 2019, a chemical truck driver qualification framework has been drafted which is meant to serve as a best practice guideline for transport companies and shippers defining the truck driver qualifications that fit a chemical business segment and how to link it with a truck driver experience, coaching further development and a career path within chemical logistics.

In addition, the team defined a top 10 of recommendations that 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. All recommendations are now summarized in a best practice guideline that will be further reviewed in May-July and the final report is expected to be publicized after summer.



Despite the steady progress and hard work, the workgroup efforts in itself do take a bit longer than planned. Background is that the team wants to look beyond the best practice guideline paper document itself. The real objective is that ECTA-CEFIC comes up a detailed communication and implementation roll out plan of the defined recommendations so that we reach out to the loading operator and the truck drivers. This new quite ambitious objective and approach on how to exactly plan and do right this is still subjected to ECTA-Cefic board approvals so will update you further on this topic in our next newsletter.

### Interesting publications

We simply want to inform you that IRU also finished a study related to “driver shortage” with some strategic sector recommendations. [The IRU report can be find here.](#)

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## UPCOMING ECTA EVENTS



### ECTA RESPONSIBLE CARE WORKSHOP

12 September 2019 in Brussels

**Registrations:**

<https://www.ecta.com/event-3253523>

### ECTA ANNUAL MEETING

14 November 2019 in Düsseldorf



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