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15 OCTOBER 2020: Save the date for the digital ECTA RC workshop 2020

Both on our website and in our February Newsletter we informed our membership and other interested parties about the annual Responsible Care Workshop to be held in Brussels on 15th October 2020. Because of continuing limitations with social distancing, we have decided to cancel the physical meet and organize a web meeting instead. The date remains 15th October 2020. A small participation fee will be applicable.

We expect to have a very interesting program of a half day, the exact details will be communicated soon. With a web meeting there will be no limit to the number of participants and because people do not need to travel to Brussels for the event, we expect to attract a larger audience.

ECTA Responsible Care 2025

We have received the signed RC 2025 Commitment documents and the 2019 RC KPI reports from 49 RC members. Their data are now being consolidated and a separate report showing trends will be issued during the next weeks. A disappointing 11 companies have failed to send in their RC KPI 2019 reports and have also not undersigned the ECTA RC 2025 Commitment document. The ECTA Board's decision in this matter has been that for these 11 companies their Responsible Care membership will be discontinued forthwith. ECTA is informing the companies accordingly, they can re-apply for the ECTA Responsible Care membership in accordance with the standard procedure.

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Save the date: ECTA ANNUAL MEETING

18 November 2021 in Düsseldorf

Annual Meeting 2020 cancelled!

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SQAS: Remote Assessment Pilots

Difficult times ask for creative measures.

COVID-19 has also drastically impacted the number of planned SQAS assessments in Europe during the past few months. At the time of writing this article it was not clear yet how long this impact would continue. An extra web meeting was convened by Cefic in May for the SQAS Technical & Accreditation Committee to discuss the situation. It was decided to start with 2 pilots of remote partial assessments in May 2020, one in Belgium and one in Spain. The pilot results and the input from observers will be further evaluated by the T&A Committee. Most important is to guarantee the assessment quality. A partial remote assessment will always be followed by a normal (if partial) site assessment. Further news will be included in next ECTA newsletters and the next steps (when definite) will also be communicated by the SQAS manager. The partial remote SQAS assessment experience will be a subject during ECTA's Responsible Care Workshop on October 15th.

ECTA (member) representatives in the SQAS T&A Committee are Erwin Spaanderman (Pañalon), Bernhard Haidacher (LKW Walter), Remo Rigassi (Bertschi), Robert Brownbridge (Den Hartogh) and Evert de Jong (ECTA).



SQAS / OCS Progress

At the SQAS T&A Committee meeting on April 2nd Cefic's SQAS Manager presented information regarding the progress towards an agreement between Cefic and Plastics Europe to create a certification based on Operation Clean Sweep requirements. We understand that the basic format and principles have been agreed by the technical side and a signed agreement between parties is expected soon. In the presentation Victor Trapani also showed the planning to update the current SQAS questionnaires (Core, TS, TC, WH, ESAD) during the months 3 to 8 of the first project year.

The new format chosen is one of certification because of expected requirements from the EU or individual countries. Since the SQAS T&A Committee decided to keep SQAS as a non-certification system, we may expect an additional certification requirement for companies involved in plastics logistics if the SQAS approach is not accepted by national authorities.

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Covid -19 communication

On March 24th ECTA published a statement regarding the impact and consequences of the COVID-19 virus for ECTA members in Europe (see link below).

With restrictions being gradually lifted, we remind all members and other parties involved in chemical logistics to continue to ensure the health and safety of drivers and operators. Extra attention is asked for the drivers' workplaces at loading and unloading sites: we expect all drivers to be able to use sanitary facilities and P.P.E. and be treated with respect.

<https://www.linkedin.com/posts/ugcPost-6648140365289320451-ktFt>

On May 12, ECTA was invited as speaker to an Essers webinar to address challenges in chemical logistics post-covid-19. While you all might argue we are still in the middle of covid-19, you can listen to the different perspectives from each of the stakeholders including ECTA, BASF, Dow and the POA. Enjoy the movie as per link below.

<https://www.essers.com/challenges-in-chemical-logistics-post-covid-19>

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New ECTA Supply Chain Visibility Best Practice Guideline

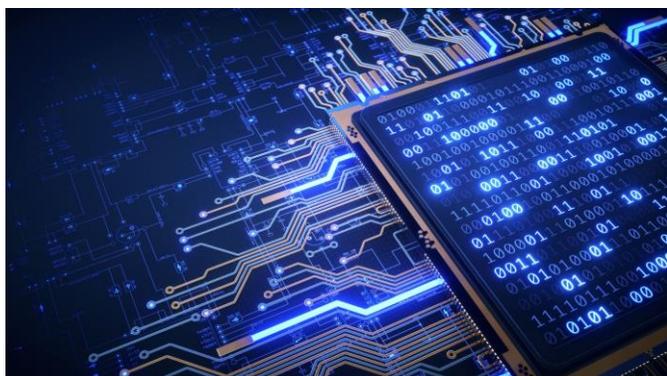
Improving transport visibility along the chemical supply chain is a key priority and ECTA has a strong believe that digitization is a key enabler in the further optimization of the chemical supply chains from a safety, sustainability and efficiency point of view. End of March 2020, the ECTA Supply Chain Visibility workgroup consisting of experts from Den Hartogh, Hoyer, Bertschi, Talke, Rinnen and GCA released the **ECTA best practice guideline** called **"Transport visibility within Bulk Chemicals"**. This new **best practice guideline** describes both the milestones at which an ETA update(s) will be shared and when a deviation leads to an ETA update message. Furthermore, the guideline describes common definitions and gives example messages for the communication between the logistics service provider and the intermodal transport partners. Especially in intermodal transport, multiple parties are involved in executing the transport, and thereby each party should be part of this "end to end" data chain to compute trustworthy ETA's.

We wish you all success in applying this new ECTA *best practice guideline* and we to sincerely thank the ECTA workgroup who managed to deliver this useful guideline "on time".

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New ECTA digitalization workgroup

To further support the digital transformation within chemical logistics, ECTA did kickoff a new ECTA digitalization workgroup at the end of April.

This new workgroup consists of the 6 experts of the former ECTA SCV workgroup while 4 new experts from LKW Walter, Groupe Samat, Transports Vervaeke, Fockedeij Transport, further strengthen the team. Within this ECTA workgroup two topics will be addressed as of June:

1. define a common ETA performance measurement framework in relation to the supply chain event milestones as defined by the former SCV workgroup.
2. Describe the digital journey towards the use of e-logistics documents in a multi-model chemical transportation chain and exchange some first best practice leanings.

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eECD, eECO, ePPL and ECLIC 2020 roadmap

ECTA, EFTCO and Cefic-essenscia continue to join forces and agreed to invest in the digitalization of the **EFTCO Cleaning Order (ECO) document and the Proof Previous Load (PPL) document via the ECLIC data sharing platform**. As of May, the IT developments start to turn the EFTCO Cleaning Order (ECO) document and the Proof Previous Load (PPL) document into a digital data exchange process while both paper documents are being dematerialized and automated similarly to the digital eECD. The electronic versions of the eECD, eECO and ePPL will be ready to use for the already 42 eECD subscribed companies as of September 2020.

While digital data sharing in general is still in its infancy and some companies still have doubts and/or feel uncertain about the return on investment, the ECLIC platform has meanwhile crystallized its ECLIC 2020 roadmap to kick off the eCMR - ETA and Equipment pre-notification proof of concepts and this as of Q3 2020. These prototypes will enhance the ECLIC platform possibilities and benefits in the coming 12 months and every company is welcome to join this open and neutral platform.

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Covid-19 - THANK YOU for LSP's

Dow Road Logistics made a small video to thank its LSP's for the great services providing to all their customers during the Covid-19 times.

We hope that initiative will inspire other shippers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=phBeeNs5f10>

Stay safe and healthy!