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NEWSLETTER

HIGHLIGHTS

We are pleased to share with you the third 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.

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ECTA's Responsible Care Workshop

On October 4th the annual Responsible Care Workshop was held again in the Brussels Airport area. More than 60 participants, including many familiar faces, used that day hearing about and discussing a variety of subjects close to the Responsible Care principles. The day program included items on:

- Accident Prevention
- e-Training
- CO2 Calculation Methodology
- SQAS 2019

A survey form distributed during the afternoon session was widely used by the workshop's participants and the ECTA team obtained very useful information to define and shape an RC program in 2019. The input will be further discussed within ECTA's Technical & Responsible Care Committee, the outcome to be taken on board at the 2019 Workshop.



CO2 calculations in ECTA's Responsible Care Annual KPI Report

During the meeting of ECTA's T&RC Committee on October 3rd it was decided to keep the KPI Report format as it is. **The CO2 Calculations however become optional to complete for the ECTA RC members.** In 2018, discussions with Cefic and representatives of chemical companies have led to the understanding that the consolidation of CO2 figures in ECTA's Annual Responsible Care Report is an impractical exercise because of the wide variety of logistic services covered by the Responsible Care members. The past years have shown that the consolidated figures could not be used for continuous improvement purposes and as such they lost their value for the ECTA Annual Report. We decided to keep the current KPI forms and calculation tools unchanged and we strongly recommend that our RC members continue to complete the CO2 calculations for their internal purposes. **For individual companies this tool remains valuable to register and show their improvement trends.** Given this simplification to the ECTA RC KPI template, we will be more stringent to our ECTA RC members to provide the ECTA team timely with the RC KPI 2018 inputs before April 2019.

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ECTA's Position Paper on SQAS 2019 Implementation

Over the past 2 years many ECTA members have increasingly reported lack of proper use, or even misuse, of SQAS by several chemical companies towards logistics companies. At many occasions and in many meetings this matter was discussed with our partners from the chemical industry. With the improper use clearly on the rise, it was decided during ECTA's Board meeting on September 28 that the ECTA team would prepare a Position Paper on SQAS 2019 Implementation, clearly explaining our concerns. The document was sent to Cefic and then communicated industry-wide. In the SQAS position paper, the ECTA team has summed up the growing concerns of our ECTA members, and at the same time confirming our willingness to join hands with Cefic and others to ensure that SQAS remains the best audit system for the logistic industry. It is important to realize that SQAS is the cornerstone of Responsible Care for our ECTA members. [The Paper can be found on ECTA's website.](#)

A few days after the publication of our Position Paper we have also sent out a survey form to gather more details of deviations or misuse by representatives of individual chemical industries. You are kindly requested to share your factual experiences with us by completing the survey form and sent it to info@ecta.com We shall treat all information (your name and your customer's name) completely confidential, but we do need factual data in the examples you may be willing to share with us.

It is common practice that only the bad apples are making the news. ECTA want to stress that this Position Paper should not be considered as a negative comment for Cefic, nor for the individual chemical companies that implement and use SQAS as it is meant to be.

SQAS 2019

When writing this newsletter item, the finishing touches are applied to the new SQAS Questionnaires and Guidelines. The final drafts are available at www.sqas.org and in the documents the changes with the 2015 versions are identifiable by their blue colour. The new versions are to be used as from January 1st, 2019. They are the result of much effort and cooperation between representatives of the chemical industry, ECTA and other associations. A special word of thanks is owed to Mr. Victor Trapani, who coordinated the revision process and chaired all revision meetings and webinars during a big part of 2018.

We may be writing in next newsletters about specific new or extended items. The accredited SQAS assessors will be required to attend one of the 3 refresher sessions planned in November 2018. On March 19th and 20th a full SQAS training is being held in Brussels for new assessors. Cefic has been so kind as to allow a limited number of representatives of ECTA members to witness this March 2019 training to extend their knowledge of SQAS.

If you are interested to join one or both days, please contact Evert de Jong at evert.dejong@ecta.com.



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Shortage of qualified truck drivers

Over the last 3-4 months, a Network of Experts with representatives from ECTA & Cefic, continued their analysis work that aims to define a future oriented solution framework around “shortage of qualified truck drivers” within the Chemical sector. To achieve this, a transport workgroup has been focusing on defining and describing a Chemical truck driver qualification framework , while the chemicals site workgroup focused on how to harmonize the (un)loading requirements to further improve the driver productivity and driver treatment on sites. The preliminary findings of both workgroups have been shared with the ECTA board end September and with the Cefic Supply Chain Management Issue team early October 2018.

The overall objective of the team is to come up with a summary report (or guideline) how the Chemical sector could strive to become the “Sector of Choice” for truck drivers. To achieve this mission, the transport companies should strive for a continued instream & training of young qualified drivers by offering a future career path and re-creating the pride to drive Chemicals, while In addition, the Chemical shippers should work on a better harmonization of the truck driver site requirements, look for more innovative ways of working (like fast lane access, drop & swap, pre-loading,...) to improve the overall (un)loading efficiency, the safety and well-being of Chemical truck drivers. The shippers have been recommended to also include customer unloading sites, terminals and 3rd party warehouses given there the opportunity for improvement is most obvious.

While the “Sector of Choice” mission for truck drivers is clear and straightforward, the next step of the ECTA-Cefic Network of Experts is to summarize their common findings in first draft summary report by end December 2018. The final publication will be for 2019. Thereafter, more awareness, communication and teamwork between transport and shippers will be required before such mission can be accomplished.



The digital eECD cleaning document moves to production....

EFTCO did share that in 2017 over 3.500.000 paper EFTCO cleaning documents have been distributed, each in 4-fold, across Europe. The electronic “eECD project” objective is to digitalize these millions of ECD paper documents in the coming years and in addition, it aims to automate the complete eECD information exchange process through a safe and secure data sharing platform.

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Earlier this summer, the eECD project team together with IT partner teams from NxtPort, Nallian and Pionira, continued the development and testing phase of the digital eECD pilot process and this in close cooperation with a group of pilot companies. End September, the eECD project team demonstrated to all founders and eECD pilot companies that the current paper EFTCO Cleaning Document can technically be replaced with a digital eECD booklet version in the cloud bringing the business value and promised benefits in terms of Safety, Compliance and Efficiency. While obviously some further improvement work is required to this pilot version and minimum viable eECD process, the eECD project has meanwhile moved from the current “eECD pilot phase” to the “eECD production startup phase” as of mid-October, 2018. In addition, a legal framework is being put in place to move the eECD application to production and to start working with digital ECD’s very soon.

Plan forward is that as of November 2018, the eECD process will be further exposed to a “real live” production environment with real equipment, products and users and this within a group of “Early Adopter” companies who can as of now buy an eECD licence.



After this production startup phase which is focused around the Chemical triangle countries BE, NL and DE, broader roll out plans are being made to launch the digital eECD process and scale it up as from 2019.

During this eECD production startup phase and also through communication newsletters like this one, ECTA, Cefic-essenscia and EFTCO are informing their members, so each company can subscribe as “Early Adopter” company to the new digitalized eECD process and can buy a licence if interested. Given, the team learned meanwhile that the demand trigger for a digital eECD needs to come in the first place from the Chemical and Petrochemical producers, an eECD communication campaign and flyer has been started early October and the eECD flyer got distributed at the EPCA meeting.

[You find a copy of the eECD flyer here.](#)

In addition, an eECD workshop was held on October 24 2018 at Cefic mainly focusing to explain the values of working digitally together and to “on board” the Chemical Producers because without their trigger, the digital eECD transformation journey might still get not enough traction.

ECTA recommends its members in BE, NL and GE to start making an assessment of what the digital eECD requires in terms of change so each ECTA member is prepared for the eECD transformation journey as soon as it is triggered by the Chemical producers. This trigger might come already in 2019 and even earlier for Early Adopter companies who start up the eECD production startup phase. More information on the eECD project can be found on www.eclic.eu and in case there is an interest in buying an eECD licence you can contact peter.devos@ecta.com or send an email to info@eclic.eu.

In addition, an eECD project update will be given at the ECTA annual meeting on November 29, 2018.

Cefic - Mobility package update

On 4 July the European Parliament voted in Plenary on the Mobility Package 1, concerning specific rules for 1) Posting of drivers in the road transport sector 2) Driving times and rest periods and 3) Cabotage rules.

After contradictory votes (sometimes with very small margins) on individual amendments proposed by the EP TRAN Committee, the EP EMPL Committee and by groups of MEPS, the European Parliament decided at the end with a big majority to reject the proposals as a whole and send them back to the TRAN Committee for a new consideration. In practice this means that it is becoming rather unlikely that an agreement will still be reached in the EP on these three legislative proposals before the end of the 5-year term of the European Parliament.

The reasons for this rejection are related to a number of politically very sensitive issues, on which East- and West-European countries have different views, further complicated by opposing views coming from left and right.



ESIG – Road Safety movie about safe (un)loading and transportation of solvents

The European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) and the UK Solvents Industry Association (SIA) have recently produced a new solvent-related safety film, entitled, 'Safe Loading and Transportation of Bulk Solvents by Road'.

Designed to support haulers, drivers and site operators, this short film encourages best practices in the transport of solvents and bulk transfer between vehicles and storage vessels.

It covers everything needed to ensure the safe loading and unloading of solvents and flammable liquids and is available in five languages from the ESIG website at <https://www.esig.org/resources/videos>

The ESIG Solvent Award

The European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) will launch in Q1/2019 the ESIG Solvent Award, our way to highlight the safe and sustainable use of solvents with respect to health and safety, environmental protection or product performance or any combination of those.

Applications will be open as of February 1st, 2019 to downstream users of solvents, including anyone involved in the distribution, formulation, storage or use of a solvent including their respective trade associations.

The award is an excellent opportunity to tell your story about how you boosted product performance, improved environmental protection, or looked after the health and safety of your workers.

<https://www.esig.org/solventsaward2019>

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ECTA ANNUAL MEETING 2018 Thursday 29 November in Düsseldorf

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of ECTA held in the prestigious hotel Hyatt Regency Dusseldorf.

The Annual Meeting will be preceded by the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of ECTA member companies. A Networking Cocktail and a Dinner will be organized in the evening of 29 November.

[For more information & registration please click here.](#)

This year's Annual Meeting will address such issues as: building a high-performance Chemical Logistics delivery network with your Customers and LSP's; the new HSE and SCM focus of Cefic; logistics innovative concepts in practice; digitalization, Smart Mobility and Cybersecurity in Ports & across the Chemical Logistics chain; the eECD Project; the Importance of standardizing the logistics operational processes thru digitalization; RC Update + SQAS program 2019; cybercrime within Chemical Logistics and Transport.



ECTA events offer you a high-level forum where the owners, CEO's and top managers of the chemical/transport industry come together and network to share their practical knowledge and "hands-on" best practices on safety, human resources, security and efficiency in chemical transport.

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