

# Bertschi joins ECTA workgroup to improve supply chain visibility

Bertschi, a global logistics service provider for the chemical industry, has joined a recently launched ECTA workgroup to improve supply chain visibility within bulk liquid flows.

The workgroup, which has been established by ECTA – the European Chemical Transport Association – aims to develop a 'Transport Data and Message Definition Framework' to improve end-to-end supply chain visibility and collaboration across the chemical logistics bulk liquid industry.

In addition to Bertschi, logistics companies Den Hartogh and Hoyer have joined the initiative, which aims to introduce standardisation into the supply chain. The initial focus will be on providing reliable and continuous updated ETAs and transport milestone messages, avoiding the exchange of huge volumes of raw data and differences in interpretation of ETAs.

The scope of the initiative is not limited to standardisation in transport messages;



it will also look into other areas in the logistics process where standardisation would lead to higher efficiency.

"As Bertschi believes this is an important step towards further optimisation, we have

joined this ECTA workgroup," Bertschi stated in a statement. "We look forward to working together with other actors in the chemical liquid bulk supply chain to make this initiative a success." ■

## VTG Tanktainer adds Flexitanks to portfolio

VTG Tanktainer has announced the addition of Flexitanks to its range of facilities for carrying liquid goods.

By adding Flexitanks into standard box containers, customers can ship non-hazardous bulk goods, including oils, wines, fruit

juices, biofuels and industrial chemicals not classified as hazardous.

The Flexitanks to be deployed by VTG Tanktainer

are made in Germany, with capacities ranging from 12,000 litres to 24,000 litres. The tanks are fitted into 20-foot box containers in accordance with precise specifications.

In comparison to drums and IBCs, Flexitanks allow much as 30% more payload to be shipped in a 20-foot box container, according to VTG Tanktainer.

"We are pleased to have an experienced Flexitank team on board and that we can now move liquid goods in both tank containers and Flexitanks," said Jan Röbbken, managing director of VTG Tanktainer. "For us it is important to never stop developing and improving



# Suttons makes commitment to safety and innovation

UK-based bulk chemicals logistics company Suttons has showcased its commitment to safety and innovation during a recent customer-focused event.

A number of workshops were held by senior managers at the company, focusing on Suttons' safety culture, compliance excellence and its innovative

technology project with fleet telematics provider Microlise.

The company's 2019 Volvo units and new general purpose tanks were on display, and event attendees had the opportunity to drive one of the rigs around the track at Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground in Leicestershire, UK.

"We wanted to give our key customers an insight into our commitment to safety and how we're investing for the future in both assets and technology," commented Michael Cundy, managing director of Suttons Tankers. "This location provided the perfect backdrop for customers to take part in workshops, have a look at our vehicles and climb inside our innovative training tank."

"An event of this kind gives us a great opportunity to meet and listen to our customers and demonstrate our capability across a range of areas. It has been a positive year for the business which is continuing to grow and we are announcing a number of new business wins in the coming months."

Mark Beal from BOC Fleet Services added: "What a great event! The event was well structured and gave our customers an informative insight into the great work Suttons is doing for its customers in the industry. Everything was slick and professional, very well." ■



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