



## ITCO April 2017 Newsletter & Technical Secretary April Report

### A. ITCO April 2017 Newsletter

This month:

- Annual General Meeting of ITCO Ltd – 8 May 2017
- Special Resolution: New ITCO Articles of Association
- AGM Participation – Pre-registration essential
- Tank Container Village at *transport logistic 2017* - just 3 weeks to go
- Two Technical Meetings in Munich: ACC Review and TC 104
- Evening Receptions at the Tank Container Village
- ITCO E-learning course generates positive response
- ITCO Website: Event Presentations, ITCO Publications and Guidelines available

#### 1. 2017 Annual General Meeting of ITCO Ltd – Munich, 8 May 2017

Members have recently been sent an email with details about the Annual General Meeting of ITCO Ltd, which will take place at 17:30 on Monday 8 May 2017. (Arrival from 17:00 onwards). The Venue for the Meeting will be **Room B11, Messe München, Munich, Germany**.

Full details of the AGM can be found on the ITCO website, including the Agenda and all relevant documents. The Agenda will cover three main items:

- Statement and summary of ITCO 2016 financial status
- Status on merger of ITCO and @TCO
- Voting for the Special Resolution: Proposed new ITCO Articles of Association

#### 2. Special Resolution: New ITCO Articles of Association

The Special Resolution which will be proposed and voted on at the AGM is for the current ITCO Articles of Association to be replaced by a new version. The current version has been in place since ITCO started in 1997. The new Version updates a number of items. For the vote to be successful, **at least 75 percent** of the Members (attending the AGM in person or voting by proxy) need to vote in favour of changing the Articles. For this reason, it is essential that all ITCO Members vote on this matter.

Before Members vote (either in person or by proxy) at the AGM, we have prepared some notes about the contents of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company. The new version of the Articles and the notes about the changes are available on the ITCO website.

Please note that the new Articles of Association and the ITCO Rules have been discussed and approved by the ITCO Board. If you have any questions about any item arising from these documents, you should – firstly – contact the Chairman of your Division (details can be found on <http://www.international-tank-container.org/itco-board/>)

### 3. AGM Participation – Pre-Registration is essential for all Participants

Participation at the AGM is for Members only. Participation is free of charge, but you MUST register in advance if you (and your colleagues) are planning to participate. To pre-register, please click on this link: [REGISTER](#) or go to the ITCO website for the link.

### 4. Tank Container Village at *transport logistic 2017*, Munich – just 3 weeks to go

Every two years, the tank container world gathers at the ITCO Tank Container Village in Munich – part of the *transport logistic* exhibition. Any company involved in the tank container business, who wants to meet their industry colleagues and partners, should plan to attend the Event.

ITCO Members exhibiting in the Village in Hall B4 will be displaying a wide range of equipment and services, with the majority of the world's leading tank container operators, leasing companies, manufacturers and component suppliers taking part. In addition, there will be tank container surveyors and inspection companies, together with a number of leading tank cleaning and repair facilities.



Visitors to the Tank Container Village do not only benefit from key information and offerings, but can also enjoy substantial meeting facilities for visitors and exhibitors. Exhibitors can host their visiting partners, suppliers, or clients at the ITCO Village Bar.

Information about **Transport Logistic** can be found on: <http://www.transportlogistic.de/index-2.html>  
Details of the **Tank Container Village** are on: <http://www.international-tank-container.org/tl-2017/>

### 5. Two Technical Meetings in Munich: ACC Review and TC 104

Two ITCO technical meetings will be taking place in Munich at the time of Transport Logistic 2017.

On Tuesday 9 May 2017, there will be a meeting to review ITCO's Acceptable Container Condition document.

Later in the week, on Thursday 11 May, there will be an informal review meeting of TC 104 / SC 02 / WG 04.

**For further information on these two Meetings, please read the Technical Report at the end of this newsletter for further information.**

## **6. Evening Receptions: Tuesday 9 May and Wednesday 10 May**

Tank Container Village Exhibitors and Visitors are warmly invited to participate in two receptions taking place inside the ITCO Village:

- **Tuesday 9 May: Welcome Reception - sponsored by NT Tank**

The ITCO “Welcome to Munich” reception on Tuesday 9 May will take place at the end of Day 1 of the exhibition. The Reception is being generously sponsored by NT Tank, which is this year marking its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



- **Wednesday 10 May: Evening Reception and wine tasting - sponsored by Perolo**

At the close of Day 2 of the Exhibition, Perolo will be organising its “traditional” evening reception and wine-tasting.



## **7. ITCO E-learning course continues to generate positive feedback**

Feedback on the ITCO e-learning course continues to be very positive, with several hundred people registering for the course in the first few months. The course has been developed with the specific aim of providing measurable learning on the safe, competent and efficient use of tank containers. It is intended for anyone involved in the tank container business, including shippers, operators, carriers, lessors, surveyors, depot service providers and other relevant stakeholders.

It comprises four modules: 1. Background to the tank container industry; 2. Components of the tank and their use; 3. Regulations relating to the tank; and 4. Tank operations and depot services (including inspection, cleaning, repair and testing).

Further information on: <http://www.international-tank-container.org/online-learning/>

## **8. ITCO Website and Conference Presentations available**

Members are reminded that there is a wide range of resources and information available for them to download from the ITCO Website. PDFs of the presentations made at the ITCO General Meeting are available for Members to download from the ITCO website.

For access to Presentations at Meetings, Technical Documents, Regulatory Publications and Guidelines, go to: <http://international-tank-container.org/library/>

**For further information on items in this newsletter, please contact Patrick Hicks on [hicks@itco.org](mailto:hicks@itco.org)**

## B. Technical Secretary – April 2017 Report

- ACC Review – Meeting in Munich on 9 May
- TC 104 / SC 02 / WG 04 informal Review Meeting, Munich on 11 May 2017
- RID/ADR Joint Meeting Report
- INDA (CEFIC) co-ordination
- PDF Versions of ADR and RID 2017 available

### 1. ACC (Acceptable Container Condition) Review Meeting: Munich, Tues 9 May 2017

- The existing 2010 edition of ACC (Acceptable Container Condition) is presently under review.
- The review scope is to edit and update - but not to make significant amendments.
- We are preparing a draft review template this month (April) and we will be holding a review meeting during the Transport Logistic 2017 Exhibition in Munich next month.
- **Details of the Review Meeting** are as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday 9 May 2017

**Time:** 11:00am – 13:00pm

**Venue:** Room A221 of Messe München, which is on the first floor of Hall A2

**Agenda:** Review of the draft ACC template

- Technical members who would like to take part in the Review Process - and who would like to attend the Review Meeting - should contact the Technical Secretary ([rubery@itco.org](mailto:rubery@itco.org)).

### 2. TC 104 / SC 02 / WG 04 informal Review Meeting, Munich, Thursday 11 May 2017

- A review is presently underway to ISO 1496-3 Series 1 freight containers — Specification and testing -- Part 3: Tank containers for liquids, gases and pressurized dry bulk
- The review scope is to edit and update.
- A review template has been prepared and ITCO will be holding an informal WG 04 meeting during the Transport Logistic 2017 Exhibition in Munich next month.
- Details of the Review Meeting are as follows:

**Date:** Thursday 11 May 2017

**Time:** 09:30am – 12.00 noon

**Venue:** Room A221 of Messe München, which is on the first floor of Hall A2

**Agenda:** Review the template of proposed amendments and reach general agreement of the amendments to be formally drafted.

- ITCO Technical members who would like to attend the Meeting should contact the Technical Secretary ([rubery@itco.org](mailto:rubery@itco.org)).

### 3. Report of Joint RID/ADR meeting, Bern, March 2017

- The latest joint RID/ADR meeting took place in March 2017 in Bern. ITCO attended the Tank Working Group.
- The main item concerning tank containers concerns information papers reporting actions from a Work Group developing standards of accreditation, type approval and periodic inspection for AIB's (inspection bodies).
- Issues were raised concerning registration and clarity on proposals that might restrict AIB's inspecting tanks previously type-approved by another AIB. This is an ongoing subject. ITCO attend the WG (J Silver). It was agreed at the meeting that ITCO will prepare a letter outlining registration issues.

- Other matters debated concern the definition of shell diameter (confirmed as meaning internal diameter), class 2 safety pressure device prevention of ingress of water and foreign matter, definition of a tank container.

#### **4. INDA (Alliance of European Industry, Transport of Dangerous Goods) Meeting**

- ITCO attended the recent meeting of INDA – the Alliance of European Industry, Transport of Dangerous Goods, which took place at CEFIC, Brussels, in April.
- INDA is a co-operation between associations representing European industry sectors involved in the regulations related to the transport of dangerous goods.

#### **5. PDF Versions of ADR and RID 2017**

- PDF versions of ADR and RID 2017 have been published and are available on the links below. As usual there is a six month transitional period (1 January – 30 June) and so this 2017 edition does not become mandatory until 1 July 2017. Hard copies are available from suppliers such as Labeline.

<http://www.unece.org/trans/dangr/publi/adr/adr2017/17contentse0.html>

[http://otif.org/fileadmin/new/2-Activities/2D-Dangerous-Goods/RID\\_2017\\_E.pdf](http://otif.org/fileadmin/new/2-Activities/2D-Dangerous-Goods/RID_2017_E.pdf)

[http://www.labeline.com/store\\_uk/cms-display/dangerous\\_goods\\_regulations.html](http://www.labeline.com/store_uk/cms-display/dangerous_goods_regulations.html)

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