



ITCO February 2021 Newsletter

Happy Lunar New Year to ITCO Members

The ITCO President and Secretariat would like to wish all our Members a very Happy Lunar New Year! Gong Xi Fa Cai



This month:

- **Minutes of ITCO Divisional Meetings – available to download**
- **Recordings of Divisional Meetings available**
- **ITCO Webinars: presentations available**
- **2021 Tank Container Fleet Survey**
- **Technical/Regulatory Report**
- **ITCO Publications and Guidelines**
- **Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle with an ISO Tank – download the image**

1. Minutes of ITCO Divisional Meetings – available to download

A wide range of topics relating to the tank container industry were discussed during ITCO's Divisional Meetings, which took place last month. These Meetings were organised to enable members to help chart future ITCO projects, reports and webinars.

Members can download the Minutes of the Meetings from the ITCO website – click on this link [MEETING MINUTES](#).

2. Recordings of Divisional Meetings available

Recordings were made of the three Divisional Meetings. If you would like to receive a link to view the recording, please contact the ITCO Secretariat (hicks@itco.org)

3. Shanghai Maritime University

Members will recall that ITCO presented a tank container to the Shanghai Maritime University (SMU) at the end of 2019, to permit Students to have a better understanding of the industry.

Discussions have recently been opened with the University to permit 10 of their students to take the ITCO e-learning course in English. The aim is for the ITCO E-learning Course to be incorporated into SMU's own hazardous and dangerous cargo handling syllabus.

SMU's Vice Dean has been very receptive to ITCO's proposals and has suggested that ITCO would be welcome to hold its next meeting in China at the University's complex - as and when we are all allowed to travel again, after COVID-19 has been beaten.



The ITCO Tank Container at SMU

4. ITCO Webinars: Presentations available to download

ITCO organised three Webinars during the September to November period last year:

- Sustainability
- Technical/Regulatory
- Safety

Further Webinars are planned for next year – details to be announced soon. In the meantime, Members may download the presentations that were made during the Webinar – click here:

[WEBINAR PRESENTATIONS](#)

5. 2021 ITCO Tank Container Fleet Survey

Work is under way on the 2021 ITCO Tank Container Global Fleet Survey. Thank you to those Members who have sent in their information

The Report will be published at the end of this month.

6. Technical/Regulatory Report

RID-ADR Meeting

The next RID-ADR Meeting takes place in March 2021. Papers to be discussed include the continuation of amendments concerning inspection and certification of tanks, definition of extra-large tank containers. There is also an opportunity to raise the concern, outlined in the ITCO manufacturers Divisional Meeting, in regard to FRP tanks.

ISO 6346 amendments

The next Meeting is scheduled for February 2021. ITCO will seek to modify the proposal for mandatory width markings on swap tank containers.

IMDG 40-20

The delayed new edition is expected to be available in March. The amendments as reported in the link below do not unduly affect the tank container industry.

https://www.costha.com/uploads/PDF/1606750834_COSTHA%20IMDG%20Code%2040-20%20Amendment%20-%20Summary%20of%20Key%20Changes.pdf

Note: IMDG 40-20 is optional from 01.2021 and mandatory from 06.2022.

7. ITCO Publications, Guidelines and E-learning

The ITCO website provides Members with access to a number of resources, including:

- Technical guidance documents
- Presentations made at Members Meetings and in Webinars
- The Tank Container E-Learning Course

The most recent document to be published is the re-designed **ITCO ACC (Acceptable Container Condition) Inspection Guidance**. Originally published in September 2017, the document's format is now in line with ITCO's other Technical Guidance documents, to reflect ITCO's professional image.

No changes have been made in the document to ACC criteria. A few minor editorial clarifications have been incorporated into the introduction. Accordingly, the newly designed format continues as the 2017 edition. To download a copy of the re-designed document, click on this link: [ITCO ACC](#).

E-learning: The up-take of e-learning courses continue to progress, with a number of companies placing bulk orders for multiple courses – one company recently ordered 100 courses, benefiting from the bulk discount, which will enable most of their personnel to undertake it.

ITCO Members are reminded that each member company is offered two free Tank Container E-learning Courses.

If you haven't already taken up this offer, further information can be obtained from the Course manager, Exis Technologies – please contact: Melanie.Stephenson@existec.com

8. "Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle with an ISO Tank"

Members are encouraged to use the **"Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle with an ISO Tank"** image that was presented during the recent Sustainability Work Group webinar.

The image can be used in an email "signature", it can be included in websites, brochures and advertisements. And it can be displayed on the side of a tank container.

Different versions of the image are available to download to suit your requirements – please click on this link, which will take you to the ITCO Page: [REDUCE](#)

9. ITCO on Twitter

ITCO has an active Twitter account. In addition to the more "traditional" method of communicating to Members by email, we also use Twitter to send out relevant news and announcements.

To follow ITCO on Twitter, click here: [TWITTER](#)

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