



ITCO August 2019 Newsletter *and Technical Report*

A. ITCO August 2019 Newsletter

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- 2019 Members Meeting (30 Sept/1 Oct): Updated Programme published
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1. 2019 Members Meeting - Amsterdam (30 Sept/1 Oct)

Over 70 delegates have already registered for the 2019 ITCO Members Meeting, taking place at the [Hilton Hotel Apollolaan](#) Amsterdam on Monday 30 September and Tuesday 1 October 2019.

Conference Agenda

The updated Conference Agenda has now been published and can be downloaded from the ITCO website – click here: [AGENDA](#)

The Meeting will commence at 16:00 on Monday 30 September, with Keynote Presentations and a Panel Discussion, focusing on safety in the logistics chain and the transport of polymerising products. This will be followed by a Welcome Reception for all participants.

On the following day, Tuesday 1 October, there will be the Full Day Members Meeting, comprising a Plenary Session in the morning, followed by Divisional Meetings and parallel Work Group sessions in the afternoon.

The event will conclude with a networking reception and buffet dinner for all participants.

Many thanks to M&S Logistics, who is sponsoring both the Welcome Reception on Monday 30 September, and the Cocktail Reception and Buffet Dinner on Tuesday 1 October.



Delegate registration

To register for the Conference, click on this link: **REGISTRATION**

Hotel Room Booking

Special Room Rates are available for Members staying at the Hotel – please use the Dedicated Booking Link on the **ITCO website**

2. Divisional Meetings at Amsterdam

In the afternoon, the Conference will break out into Meetings of ITCO's four Divisions (Operators, Lessors, Manufacturers and Service Providers). All Members are invited to participate in their respective Divisional Meeting.

- This is your chance to raise issues affecting your company and your sector of the industry
- If you have an issue which you would like to be included in the Divisional Meeting Agenda, please contact the Chairman and/or the Vice-Chairman of your particular Division
- Contact details are on the ITCO website, click here: **BOARD MEMBERS**

3. Future ITCO Events

Asia Regional Meeting: Shanghai, Wednesday 27 November

The 2019 ITCO Asia Regional Meeting will take place at the Pullman Skyway Hotel, Shanghai on Wednesday 27 November 2019. <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-7298-pullman-shanghai-skyway/index.shtml>.

The Meeting will include a workshop focusing on the @TCO Depot Audit Project in the morning, followed by conference sessions in the afternoon.

The Event will conclude with a networking reception and buffet dinner for all participants. The Conference Agenda and Registration Details will be published next month.

Many thanks to CIMC, the Event sponsor.

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Shanghai Maritime University

ITCO has offered to supply a fully operational tank container to Shanghai Maritime University (SMU) for the benefit of their logistic students. We have made provisional arrangements to make the presentation on Thursday 28 November - the day after the ITCO Asia Regional Meeting in Shanghai.

More details will be available in our next newsletter, after we have received confirmation from SMU.

Tank Container Villages 2020 and 2021

Arrangements will soon be underway for the next two ITCO Tank Container Villages. For those planning their schedules, the dates of the Villages are as follows:

- Tank Container Village at **transport logistic China 2020** – Shanghai (16-18 June 2020)
- Tank Container Village at **transport logistic 2021** – Munich (4-7 May 2021)

We will be sending out information and booking forms for the Shanghai 2020 meeting next month.

4. “Managing risk in the tank container supply chain”

“Managing risk in the tank container supply chain” is a free one-day seminar being organised by The TT Club at its offices in London on Wednesday 11 September 2019. ITCO President Reg Lee will be speaking at the Seminar, while participants will also hear from a panel of industry experts on the crucial considerations for tank container risk management, including:

- The MSC Flaminia – lessons learned and analysis of the judgement
- Management and prevention of corrosion
- Advanced non-destructive testing techniques
- Understanding HSE sentencing guidelines in the UK

For further information, click [HERE](#) or contact leanne.cadman@thomasmiller.com. To view the Seminar Brochure, click here: [TT CLUB](#).

5. US Tariffs: Containers are not included on USTR Part 4 Tariff Lists

On Tuesday 13 August, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) announced **next steps** on the proposed 10% tariff on certain Section 301 Part 4 commodities, noting that certain products will be removed from the tariff list and that the 10% tariff will be delayed on certain other products to 15 December 2019.

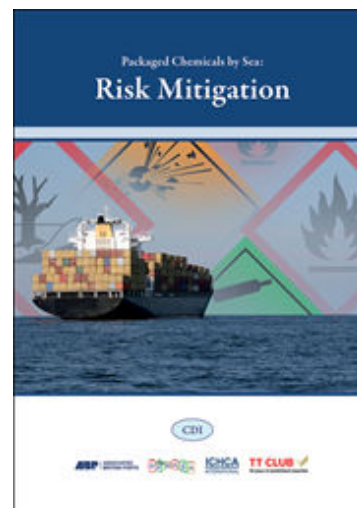
The USTR has published, on its website [List 4A](#) for which 10% tariffs will apply on 1 September 2019, and [List 4B](#) for which 10% Tariffs will apply on 15 December 2019.

ITCO can inform its members that “Containers” under HTS 8609 do not appear on either of the two tariff lists. Therefore, unless there is any additional applicability of Part 4 tariffs included in the upcoming Federal Register notice, containers will not be subject to the Part 4 tariffs.

6. New CDI Publication: “Packaged Chemicals by Sea: Risk Mitigation”

“Packaged Chemicals by Sea: Risk Mitigation” is the latest publication from the Chemical Distribution Institute. This CDI book provides insight into the entire, marine logistic distribution supply chain and the responsibilities of chemical manufacturers and their service providers.

Drawing on the vast, wide knowledge and experience of all stakeholders and participants in the CDI global “International Marine Packed Cargo Audit Scheme” (IMPCAS), the book introduces the industry partners and their relationships within the supply chain.



The easy reading format explains the basic chemistry of products, the management systems and the regulations that control the transport of dangerous goods by sea, and simplifies the complexity of assessing and managing risk. Outlining the procedures for health and safety, environmental performance, security and emergency response, the practices described support Corporate Social Responsibility within a company and the long-term sustainability of the supply chain, as well as helping to ensure the long term environmental protection of the seas and the environment.

“Packaged Chemicals by Sea: Risk Mitigation” is available to purchase from CDI’s publishers “Witherby Publishing Group” in both hard back and E-Book versions for £125, from the following link: <https://www.witherbyseamanship.com/cdi-packaged-chemicals-by-sea-risk-mitigation.html>



7. ITCO Meets CCIA delegation in London

ITCO President Reg Lee and Secretary Patrick Hicks recently met delegation from the China Container Industries Association.

Pictured are: Mrs Joana Lee, Vice-President and Secretary-General, CCIA;

Gu Tao, CCIA; Zhang Jianquiang, CCIA; with Reg Lee and Patrick Hicks.

8. ITCO Tank Container E-Learning – Two Free Courses for Each Member

As announced in previous newsletters, ITCO Members are offered to TWO FREE E-LEARNING COURSES each.

Companies who have not yet taken up this offer, but who wish to benefit from it, should contact the Course manager, Exis Technologies – contact: Melanie.Stephenson@existec.com

9. ITCO Membership Criteria: Reminder of application process

ITCO Membership is open to companies which are actively involved in the tank container business, and who meet the criteria for the relevant division that they wish to join. To download the criteria, click on this link: [MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA](#)

They must sign a declaration confirming that they will meet the aims of the Organisation. Download the declaration letter [HERE](#)

Applications are reviewed by the ITCO Board at the next available Board Meeting. The ITCO Board has the final discretion on accepting any new proposed member.

10. ITCO on Twitter

ITCO now has an active Twitter account. In addition to the more “traditional” method of communicating to Members by email, we will also tweet out relevant news and announcements.

Members are warmly to follow ITCO on Twitter, click here: [TWITTER](#)

For further information on items in this newsletter, please contact hicks@itco.org

B. ITCO August 2019 Technical Report

This month:

- Minimum Stacking Limit - IMO CCC6 (September 2019)
- RID-ADR Tank operator definition amendment
- ISO 17066 Insulation testing
- Self-adhesive cladding patches
- August Quiz Question

1. Minimum Stacking Limit - IMO CCC6 (September 2019)

A joint paper submitted by BIC/WSC (CCC 6/13) to the IMO Cargo and Container Committee (CCC) meeting next month proposes to increase the CSC 1972 Annex II Chapter 2 Type Approval test

minimum stacking limit from the existing 192,000kg to 213, 000 kg (the figure that is stipulated in the current ISO 1496 editions).

A review of production statistics indicates that the majority of containers are constructed with a stacking strength at, or above, the 213, 000 kg figure stipulated in ISO 1496.

ITCO members are advised to check that current production is at 213,000kg or above.

While ITCO generally supports the increase to the CSC stacking limit, the BIC/WSC proposal makes a rather alarmist statement: "This gives rise to major safety concerns, including in regard to the risk of collapsing container stacks and containers lost overboard".

A perhaps unintended and regrettable consequence could be a call for identification marks for 192,000kg units.

2. RID-ADR Tank operator definition amendment

A proposal submitted has been submitted to the September 2019 RID-ADR Transport DG, Geneva meeting.

"Tank-container/portable tank operator" means any enterprise that operates a tank-container/portable tank. Where the operator is not the owner, the operator is the enterprise to which the tank-container/portable tank is leased or otherwise made available for use by a legally enforceable contract."

This addresses the requirement to re-define the registered owner of a tank container, to ensure that the financial owner (bank or lessor) is not defined within the regulations as the tank operator - and thereby subject to safety obligations beyond their control.

The proposal has been discussed at previous sessions of the Joint RID-ADR meeting but at the last Spring 2019 session an alternative definition was proposed requiring re-submission of the paper to the autumn session.

3. EN 17066.1 Insulated means of transport for temperature sensitive goods - Requirements and testing

This new standard is not obligatory, but it is useful for the tank industry as a means to uniformly apply insulation tests to new manufacture especially. Appendix C refers to tanks.

For the most part it aligns with ISO 1496-3 Tanks where insulation tests form part of the standard.

The document specifies the terminology, the requirements for thermal insulation, air tightness, test provisions test provisions for K-value containers with and without cooling and/or heating device.

4. Self-adhesive cladding patches

ITCO proposes to amend ACC to include the increasing use of self-adhesive cladding patches (SACPs) in place of riveted patches. Although SACPs have been found to work well, there are issues to formalise - in regard to dimensions, damage over-lap and TIR approval.

The subject will be included in the Technical Session at ITCO Amsterdam. Members who are interested to develop ACC acceptance should contact the Technical Secretary

5. August Quiz Questions

Q1: Safe procedures require the provision of a safety document prior to a person entering a tank. Name the document required.

- a. Cleanliness certificate
- b. Cleaning certificate
- c. Confined entry certificate

Q2: When should a confined entry certificate be issued?

- a. The tank has transported Dangerous goods
- b. The tank has transported Non-regulated goods (classified as non-dangerous)
- c. Prior to tank entry regardless of last cargo classification

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