

# Transport Logistic 2025 ITCO TANK CONTAINER VILLAGE

2-5 June 2025

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## **ITCO TANK CONTAINER VILLAGE** WELCOME TO THE ITCO TANK CONTAINER VILLAGE AT TRANSPORT LOGISTIC 2025

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all Exhibitors and Visitors to the ITCO Tank Container Village at this year's *transport logistic* exhibition.

Despite tough market conditions, the signs are that this year's Village will be busier than ever – an unrivalled opportunity for ITCO Members to meet their industry contacts, old and new – and to establish relationships that will lead to long-term business growth.

I am pleased to report that, once again, the ITCO Tank Container Village is completely sold out, with 64 exhibition stands and 66 ITCO members in total - representing all sectors of ITCO's Membership.

ITCO first participated in this exhibition in Munich in 2003, and our presence has continued to grow over the last 20-plus years. The recognition that the tank container is a safe and efficient intermodal transport option for bulk liquid, gas and powder transport will encourage an increasing number of visitors to come to the Tank Container Village and discuss their transport needs with our Members.

ITCO has continued to evolve and grow since the last *transport logistic* exhibition two years ago, with a number of initiatives aimed at serving our Members. New Technical Work Groups have been established and Industry Guidelines have been published. Successful in-person meetings have been organised in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Houston and Antwerp – a great opportunity for new ideas to be discussed and ITCO work to be planned, We are using this year's Tank Container Village to update visitors on a number of projects which we have been working on – further details in the next pages.

Please come to the ITCO Area for any further information that you may require about the Tank Container Industry or our Global Organisation.

And, finally, a big thanks to Perolo, our Sponsor of the Welcome Reception on Monday 2 June.

We wish you a successful Event!

#### **Paul Gooch**

President International Tank Container Organisation

## **PROMOTING THE TANK CONTAINER INDUSTRY FOR OVER 25 YEARS**



Established in 1998, the International Tank Container Organisation continues to have a high profile at the transport logistic exhibition in Munich this year, an opportunity to highlight the wide range of services that it provides to its Members.

The ITCO mission is to promote tank containers as safe, cost-efficient, flexible and environmentally sustainable means of transport for bulk liquids, powders and gases. In doing so, there is a strong focus on enhancing technical and business developments. ITCO manages the framework and platform to strengthen the future growth of our global business, thereby contributing to the competitiveness and success of the tank container industry.

With over 190 members worldwide, ITCO focuses on four key business sectors:

- Safety: Promoting safe transport of bulk cargoes in tank containers
- Technical/Regulatory: Providing relevant information and technical resources
- Environment: Developing environmentally sustainable best practice
- Efficiency: Encouraging efficient operations through industry standards

Below is a summary of ITCO's current work programme and activities, undertaken on behalf of its Members.

#### **Technical Guidance Documents**

ITCO has published a series of Technical Guidance documents – to provide information for its Members on a range of technical, safety and environmental issues.

- TG 00: ACC Acceptable Container Condition Inspection Guidance
- TG 01: Guidance for tank operators transporting polymerizing substances subject to SP386
- **TG 02:** Sampling Guidance for tank operators and service providers
- TG 03: TP6 pressure-relief device: Guidance for tank operators transporting polymerizing substances
- TG 04: Guidance for working on top of a tank container
- TG 05: Safe entry into a tank container
- TG 06: RID-ADR Tank Code
- TG 07: 2.5-Year Intermediate Inspection and Test
- TG 08: Tank Container Sustainability: Re-purposing and Re-cycling
- **TG 09:** Case study: The Health and Safety Impact on the tank container industry in the event of a restriction to the manufacture of PFAS
- **TG10:** RID-ADR 6.8 Intermediate Inspection and Test





#### Technical Work Groups

Responding to its Members' needs, ITCO organises Technical Work Groups focusing on specific industry issues.

Current Work Groups include:

- Digital Twin Work Group: The objective of this Work Group is to create a standardized digital file format containing all the key information about each ISOtank in an owner's fleet, including the structure, capacities and dimensions; certifications and standards; valves, manways and heating / cooling system provisions; exterior fittings such as walkway, ladder and cladding; and other key information.
- Depot Assessment & Audit Work Group: This WG will develop a standard global Depot Assessment procedure. One of the main objectives of the WG is to define minimum standards of safety, staff welfare and environmental criteria for depots, while also identifying other relevant information of interest to operators.
- Trucking Standards Guidance Document Work Group: This Group will, firstly, develop a Guidance Document; and subsequently work on a solution which helps all parties involved in tank container supply chains develop actual safer road haulage standards for tank container transport
- ITCO Environmental Work Group: Established to address the proposed ban on Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).

#### **Conferences and Webinars**

Since it was launched in 1998, ITCO has organised annual Meetings for its Members.

The pandemic led to ITCO organising regular webinars, covering technical, operational and environmental issues – these webinars have proved very successful and will continue.

However, in-person Conferences are important for this industry, with ITCO organising two every year.

In 2024, we organised:

- ITCO Depot Conference Rotterdam
- 2024 Annual Members Meeting Houston

The Schedule for 2025 is:

- Digitilisation and Efficiency Conference this took place successfully in Antwerp in April
- 2025 Annual Members Meeting Singapore (November)

#### Annual ITCO Tank Container Fleet Survey

For the last 12 years, ITCO has published the annual "Global Tank Container Fleet Survey" giving details of the global tank container fleet size and listing the main operators, leasing companies and manufacturers.

This Report has become an essential reference for all industry stakeholders. According to this year's Survey, the global tank container fleet stood at 882,023 units on 1 January 2025, compared to 848,400 tanks the previous year, with a total of 42,123 tank containers being built in 2024.





### E-learning and Training

The ITCO "Tank Container E-learning Course", which provides guidance on the safe and competent operation of a tank container, has established itself as a highly important tool for anyone involved in the tank container business to undertake basic training.

The Course includes:

- Background information on the tank container industry
- Components of the tank and their use
- Regulations appertaining to the tank
- Operating the tank
- Depot services including inspection, cleaning, repairs, and testing.

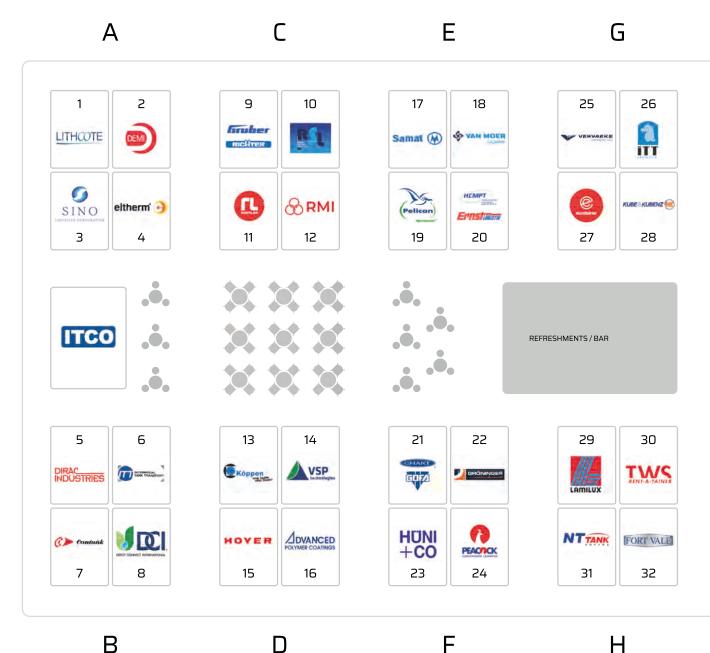
On completion, students should have a comprehensive awareness of the tank container and be equipped to contribute to its safe and efficient use.

The Course proved particularly valuable during the pandemic, as a way of educating new and existing employees who were working at home.

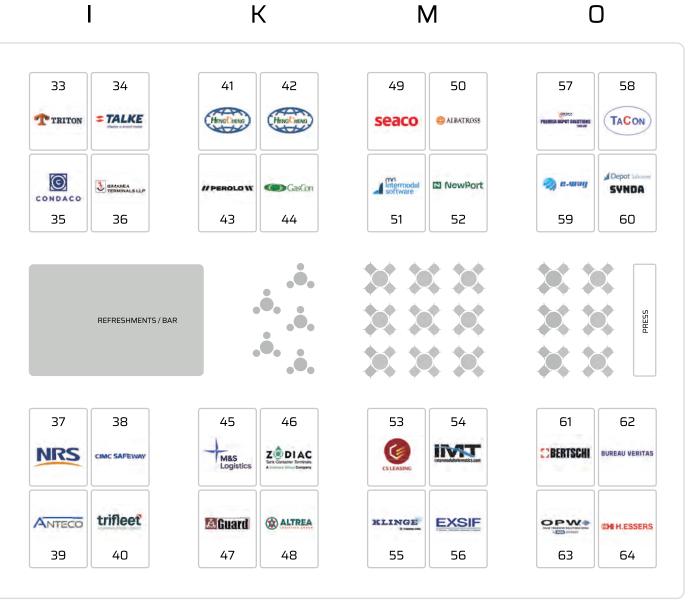
ITCO is keen to encourage students to consider the tank container industry as a possible career path. In November 2019, ITCO donated a tank container to the Shanghai Maritime University, for use as part of their training program. This training was put on hold for three years, but plans are now in place to start the delayed on-site training.

More recently 80 students from Rotterdam's Shipping Training College (STC) attended ITCO's recent "Tank Container Awareness Day". The meeting's aim was to give STC students the chance to explore the opportunities for working in the tank container industry.

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