

## Risk Assessment for Drivers: "Healthy Workplaces" campaign

Within the context of its RC Annual Plan, ECTA organized a workshop on "Risk Assessment for drivers" in Barcelona in close cooperation with Cefic and with the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work.

ECTA was recognized as an official partner association in the "Healthy Workplaces" campaign of the EU-OSHA. This campaign aims at reducing work-related accidents and illnesses by promoting risk assessment as the first step to a sustainable prevention culture.

This resulted in the publication of the report on "Risk Assessment for Drivers" and the organization of a follow-up expert day on this topic during the summer of 2009.



EU COMMISSIONER SPIDLA AND JUKKA TAKALA, DIRECTOR OF EU-OSHA HAND OVER TO ROSE-MARIE PYPE, LOGISTICS MANAGER ECTA, THE PARTNER CERTIFICATE OF ECTA

## Cefic Logistics Workshop: "Sustainable Chemical Logistics in a changing Environment"

On November 13th 2008 ECTA cooperated closely with Cefic to organize the Cefic Logistics Workshop. No less than fifteen cases were presented by ECTA representatives in different discussion groups.

The following ECTA companies gave their contribution: Suttons Group, De Rijke Group, Bertschi AG, LKW Walter Internationale Transportorganisation AG, Ewals Cargo Care NV, Wauters TankTransport NV, Nijhof-Wassink BV, Bruhn Spedition GmbH, Norbert Dentressangle, Vos Logistics, Star Chemical Logistics SpA, Haesaerts Intermodal NV, Den Hartogh Liquid Logistics, Interbulk Group PLC, Van den Bosch Transporten BV.

and 2009. The objective of this issue team is to edit a text with concrete examples that can be promoted as best practices and suggesting a number of actions.

### > ECTA-Cefic Load securing working group

Over the last two years the load securing calculation contained in the EN norm of lashings was placed under review by CEN and ECTA worked closely with Cefic on this effort. ECTA also financially contributed to the elaboration by Mariterm, the Swedish experts in load securing, of alternative proposals to the calculation of load securing. At these meetings of the CEN group ECTA was represented by Andreas Zink, Director of LKW Walter Internationale and Vice President of ECTA, and by Bart van Rens, Manager at Ewals Cargo Care who also was acting representative for the Dutch standards office.

### > Cefic Issue team on equipment for liquid bulk

A text was prepared on different loading and unloading schemes of liquids. Transport companies Den Hartogh Liquid Logistics and Wauters TankTransport were joined by ECTA representatives from Bertschi AG and Suttons Group and the Cefic Issue team finalized a text which will soon be published.

## On-going Working Groups

### > New ECTA-Cefic Guidelines

#### 1. The ECTA-Cefic Guidelines for standardized coding of transport events (ECTA codes)

The codes reflect the first cause of any "event" occurring during transport which needs to be reported to the shipper. The revised guidelines are based on business-to-business connectivity between the chemical shipper and the transport service provider and these ECTA codes are designed to be incorporated in the automated reporting exchanged regularly with the shipper.

This guideline was published in February 2009. With this text the 2002 ECTA codes were adapted to co-modality and to the IT technology evolutions while respecting their very practical structure.

#### 2. The ECTA-Cefic Guidelines for equipment for the transport of dry bulk cargo, to be discharged by tipping

were published in April 2009 containing general specifications of tipping silo road tankers, pressurized silo/box containers, unpressurized dry bulk box containers and tipping chassis.

Both Guidelines can be obtained by simple request to the ECTA Secretariat.

### > Cefic Issue Team Weights and Dimensions:

Three ECTA member companies, Hoyer GmbH, Bertschi AG and Transport Gheys NV, have contributed to the elaboration of the Cefic position paper on increased weight for transport during several meetings of the Cefic Issue Team on Weights and Dimensions held in 2008.

On July 10th 2008 ECTA participated to the EU Commission DG TREN's stakeholders meeting on weights and dimensions and ECTA also attended the Workshop on Weights and Dimensions, including the gicaliner issue, organized by the EU Commission on June 24th 2009 in Brussels.

The Cefic position on weights and dimensions was sent to all ECTA member companies for information purposes and information was posted on the ECTA website on this topic. ECTA insists on a harmonized Euro wide approach of weights and dimensions under co-modal optimized conditions.

### > Cefic Issue Team on "Reducing the time spent by drivers at loading and unloading sites and on improving their treatment".

ECTA representation was ensured by ECTA member companies Bertschi AG, LKW Walter Internationale Transportorganisation AG, Hoyer GmbH and Pañalon SA during the years 2008

# ECTA ACTIVITIES

2008  
2009

## Launch of the ECTA Responsible Care Scheme

At the Responsible Care Conference of Cefic in Manchester on October 23rd 2008, ECTA's President Antonio Montero signed with Alain Perroy, Director General of Cefic, the agreement by which ECTA will implement the Responsible Care principles into the European land transport industry. The ECTA members who commit to the Responsible Care principles and continuous improvement and who ensure key performance indicators reporting as requested by Cefic (=KPI reporting) are from now on also proudly carrying the RC logo, the sign of recognition by the chemical industry in Europe of their contribution to a sustainable supply chain. The Responsible Care scheme by ECTA illustrates the importance for the Land Transport Service Providers who are ECTA members to integrate the same priorities as their stakeholders. The vision in the transport industry, shared by the shippers, is striving for the "zero accident" achievement.

The European land transport companies who are members of ECTA are invited to join as Responsible Care (=RC) partner. The RC implementation starts with a top-down

roll-out in the transport company.

The CEO himself commits to the principles under responsible care as it is done within the chemical industry.

The CEO of the ECTA RC Company appoints a RC coordinator per company which ensures that the ECTA Secretariat has a single information contact within the RC Company who is also responsible for communication of KPI's.

The implementation process of the European Responsible Care Scheme for transport companies is directly linked to SQAS, the Safety, Quality and Security Assessment Scheme created by Cefic to which European Transport Companies submit on a voluntary basis. The ECTA RC scheme uses the existing SQAS reports of its RC member companies as a self assessment tool to support continuous improvement of health, safety, security and environmental impact of



European land transport of chemical goods. ECTA applies its RC Scheme to its member companies in all European countries in the same and transparent manner, based on self assessment combined with objective and externally verified data on safety management and improvement processes as are found in the SQAS reports of these Responsible Care transport companies.

After the signing of the RC agreement with Cefic, Alberto Marenzana, ECTA Board Member, and R-M Pype, Logistics Manager of ECTA, gave presentations on Responsible Care and on BBS training of drivers at the Italian Federchimica Conference at the Securtech expo in Milan on the 26th of November 2008.



MANCHESTER, 23 OCTOBER 2008  
ECTA PRESIDENT ANTONIO MONTERO AND ALAIN PERROY, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CEFIC SIGN THE RESPONSIBLE CARE AGREEMENT



### Managers of ECTA Board Member companies and Cefic Responsible Care dignitaries present at the signing the Responsible Care agreement

From left to right:

A. Marenzana, Marenzana S.p.A.; A. Baird, Suttons Group; A. Zink, LKW Walter Internationale Transportorganisation AG; R-M Pype, Logistics Manager ECTA; Jos Verlinden, Cefic Director Logistics; A. Montero, Pañalon and ECTA President; A. Perroy, Cefic Director General; B. Thier, Cefic Responsible Care Manager; J-P Peres, Cefic Responsible Care Chairman; D. Verbist, Cefic Communication Director; M. Houtermans, Sabic Director and representative of EPCA on the ECTA Board.

I hereby declare my support to the ECTA Responsible Care Core Principles to:

1. Continuously improve the environmental, health and safety performance of our transport operations of chemical goods so as to avoid harm to people and the environment.
2. Ensure that proper care is taken to protect the safety and health of all people involved in our chemical transport operations.
3. Minimize the environmental impact of our transport activities.
4. Use resources and fuel efficiently and minimize waste.
5. Take adequate measures to ensure the security of our operations.
6. Collect data and report openly on our performance, achievements and shortcomings.
7. Listen, engage and work with people to understand and address their concerns and expectations.
8. Cooperate with governments, international institutions, organizations and authorities in the development and implementation of effective regulations and standards to improve transport safety.
9. Encourage the responsible management of all those who are involved in providing a service to us, in particular transport sub-contractors and cleaning stations.

And I fully commit to the ECTA Responsible Care Program to:

- continuously improve the environmental, health and safety performance of my company;
- advance sustainable development;
- champion and facilitate the appropriate extension of Responsible Care across the business value chain;
- address stakeholder expectations in the continuing development of Responsible Care.

The ECTA Board appointed in December 2008 the RC Steering Group which meets on a regular basis to discuss the implementation path for RC in the European transport industry and to make proposals in this connection to the ECTA Board. ECTA drafted its Annual Plan 2009 under Responsible Care. This plan installs the RC scheme in the European chemical transport industry with appropriate governance and verification and ensures that best practices will be shared on risk management and on driver training, keeping expertise in the sector.

A special ECTA Board meeting took place in January 2009 to prepare the launch of the ECTA RC Scheme at the ECTA Conference in February 2009 and to install the RC introductory verification and review of RC candidates as proposed by the RC Steering Team.

The ECTA Conference took place to mark the 10th anniversary of ECTA in Barcelona on February 13th 2009. At this occasion,

the ECTA Board signed the declaration of support to the Responsible Care global charter of ICCA.

**GLOBAL CHARTER SIGNED BY ECTA:**

1. Adopt global Responsible Care core principles;
2. Implement the eight fundamental features of all Responsible Care programmes;
3. Commit to advancing sustainable development;
4. Continuously improve and report performance;
5. Enhance the management of chemical products worldwide;
6. Champion and facilitate the extension of Responsible Care along the chemical industry's value chain;
7. Actively support Responsible Care governance processes;
8. Address stakeholder expectations about chemical transport activities;
9. Provide appropriate resources to effectively implement Responsible Care.

The summary of the ECTA RC scheme was explained by Rose-Marie Pye of ECTA. Jos Verlinden, Logistics Director of Cefic, exhorted the audience to use the possibilities of the external assessment scheme SQAS to the fullest. Andreas Zink, Vice President of ECTA, explained a case of how a transport company commits to Responsible Care in practice. Bernhard Thier, Cefic RC Manager, provided also further insights in the Responsible Care management by Cefic of other RC schemes in the chemical industry in Europe. Further information on RC was provided through examples of RC management in Spain and in the USA, as well as in FECC, the European Chemical Distribution industry. Cathy Demeestere, ECTA Secretary General, underlined the importance of partnerships between the chemical producers and their service providers in order to implement RC in practice and to contribute to sustainable supply chains in Europe.

The full report of the meeting can be obtained at the ECTA Secretariat.

## Continuous Improvement under Responsible Care

The ECTA member companies who apply for RC partnership give the ECTA Secretariat access to all of their SQAS reports. The Secretariat verifies whether the entry conditions are fulfilled and coordinates the signing of the CEO commitment and the agreement with ECTA on the RC Scheme. The ECTA member companies who enter the RC scheme agree to provide their annual improvement plans to the ECTA Secretariat. These annual improvement plans are to be evaluated by self assessment when being updated the following year. Certain improvements will also be confirmed by external assessment evolutions in SQAS. The RC Steering Team has established a guideline on the preparation of an improvement plan which was approved by the ECTA Board in its meeting of June 2009



**ECTA Board members welcome HAANPAA GROUP signing up for Responsible Care**  
Bottom left to right : Cathy Demeestere, Secretary General ECTA; Vesa Itkonen, CEO HAANPA GROUP AB; Sven-Åke Sleth, Marketing Director, HAANPA GROUP AB;  
Back left to right ECTA Board Members: Michael Kubenz, Director Kube&Kubenz; Antonio Montero, General Manager Pañalon and President ECTA; Luc Haesaerts, Director Haesaerts Intermodal; Rose-Marie Pye, ECTA Logistics Manager; Christian Carbonell, Director Groupe Charles André.

upon which the ECTA Secretariat finalized the Responsible Care implementation guide and mailed this implementation guide to all ECTA member companies and their RC Coordinators, together with a hard copy of the Report of Barcelona Conference on Responsible Care.

The second half of 2009 will be devoted to optimizing the reporting by the RC companies of the KPI's requested in the RC agreement signed with Cefic. ECTA invests in a new website and database management allowing its RC members to report their information.

Emergency response management by the RC transport companies is facilitated by the fact that the RC companies agree to share their emergency telephone numbers amongst RC Coordinators, thus encouraging voluntary arrangements between RC companies in this area.

In June 2009 the Cefic SQAS Executive Committee has granted ECTA direct access to relevant RC companies' SQAS reports in the Cefic SQAS database. This facilitates the transmission of SQAS information by RC Companies to the ECTA Secretariat and shows the strong support of the chemical industry towards a successful and solid ECTA RC Scheme.

The Cefic-ECTA Responsible Care Platform was created in May 2009. This Platform constitutes the high level dialogue between ECTA and Cefic on the future evolutions of the RC Scheme. The participants of the

Platform are from Cefic: the Responsible Care Director and Manager and the Cefic Logistics Director and from ECTA: the ECTA President, the Secretary General and a member of the ECTA RC Steering Team.

### JULY 2009 ECTA Responsible Care Transport Companies

At the start of the ECTA RC scheme at the Barcelona Meeting already 19 Transport Companies signed a declaration of commitment as well as a Responsible Care implementation agreement. Two additional companies joined shortly afterwards. The HSE management of these companies is reflected in the 170 SQAS reports of their operational sites situated all over Europe.

- ALFRED TALKE Logistic Services GmbH & Co. KG
- BAY LOGISTIK GmbH & Co.KG
- BERTSCHI AG
- CONSAR Soc. Coöp. Cons.
- DE RIJKE GROUP
- DEN HARTOGH LIQUID LOGISTICS B.V.
- GROUPE CHARLES ANDRE
- HAANPAA GROUP
- HAESAERTS INTERMODAL N.V.
- HOYER GmbH Internationale Fachspedition
- INTERBULK GROUP PLC.
- KARL SCHMIDT SPEDITION GmbH & Co. KG
- KUBE & KUBENZ Internationale Speditions- und Logistikgesellschaft GmbH & Co. KG
- LKW WALTER Internationale Transportorganisation AG
- MARENZANA SpA
- NIJHOF-WASSINK B.V.
- PAÑALON S.A.
- R.M.I. CHEMICAL LOGISTICS B.V.
- SUTTONS TRANSPORT GROUP Ltd
- VOS BULK LOGISTICS OSS B.V.
- WALTERS TANKTRANSPORT N.V.

