

SQAS QUESTIONNAIRE 2025



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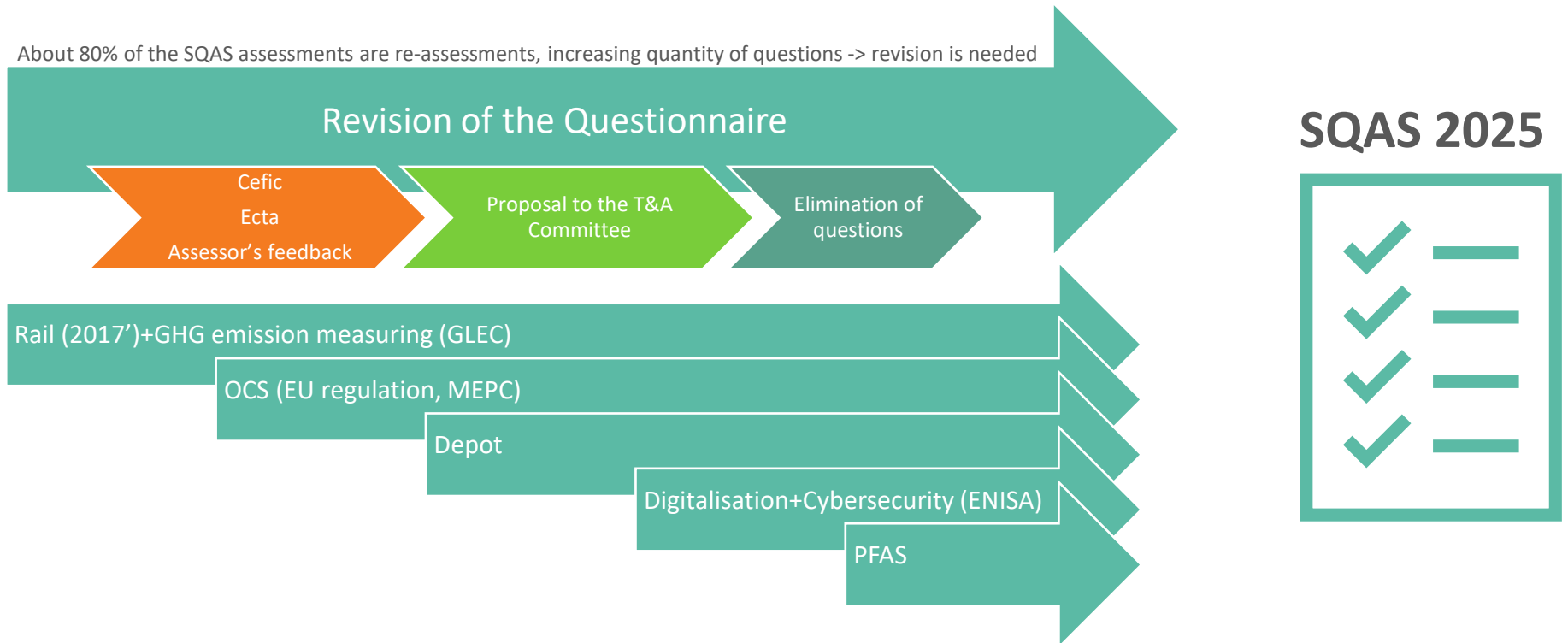
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Scope overview

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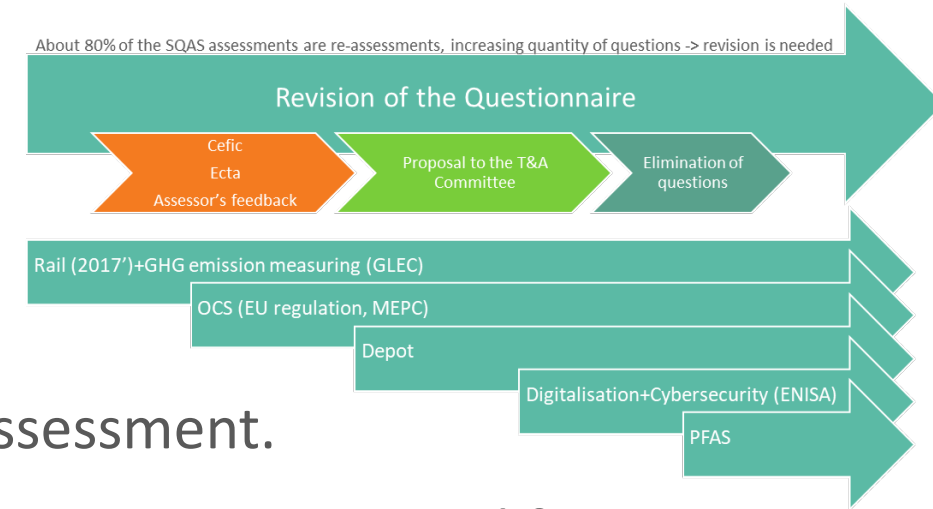
- Due date for publication Q1 2025, enter into force Q3 2025



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Overview of the SQAS Question Revision Process

- Goal:
Enhancing the clarity, relevance, and efficiency of the assessment.
- Each question is evaluated based on mandatory inclusion criteria, potential for elimination, and overall alignment with industry standards such as OCS (Operation Clean Sweep).
- Key focus areas include management responsibility, clarity of company policy, procedural compliance, international program and industry best practice (Cefic/Ecta guidelines) alignment.




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Criteria for including or excluding questions

1. Inclusion

- Policy Statements : Many questions emphasize the importance of having clear and unambiguous policy statements in place.
- International Program and Industry Best Practice Alignment: Questions related to compliance with standards like OCS are marked as critical.
- Non-Scoreable Questions: Though not scoreable, some questions remain important for review to ensure overall clarity and compliance.

2. Elimination and Merging

- Redundancy Elimination: Several questions were identified as candidates for elimination due to redundancy with other questions.
- Merging : simplifying questions which are highly related to each other
-  Overlap with other systems: Proposed to eliminate those questions that can be found in ISO

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Key Insights from the Revision Process

- High-Scoring Questions Retained: Even where high scores (based on 2023 statistics) were given, some questions are recommended for retention due to their importance.
- Feedback from Assessors: The revision process integrates feedback from multiple assessors to ensure well-justified and practical decisions.
- Revision process in numbers (initial assessment):
 - Core and TS module – 116 questions to delete or merge
 - Tank Cleaning module – reduce/merge 60 questions
 - Warehouse module – reduce/merge 68 questions
 - ESAD site module – 10 questions proposed for elimination
 - Rail module – 93 questions for elimination



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Conclusion and Next Steps

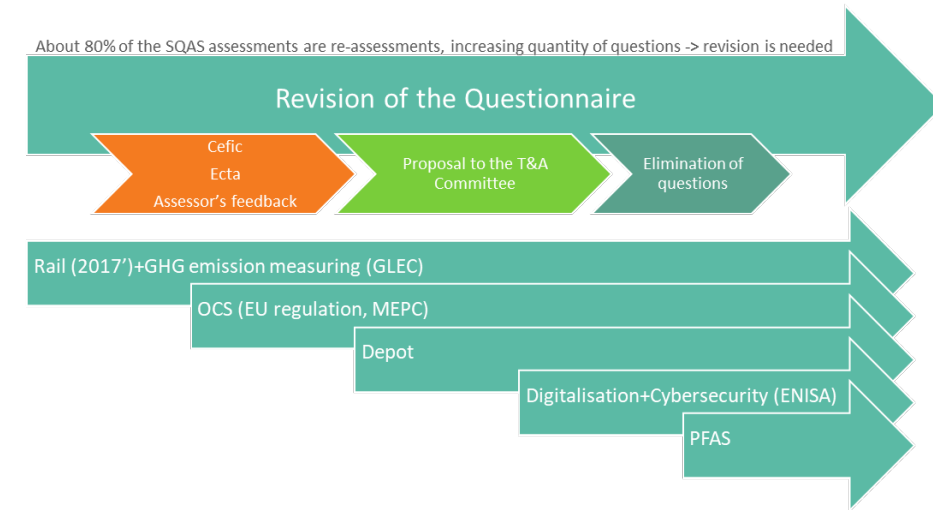
- The revision process for the SQAS questions focuses on removing redundancy, ensuring clarity, and maintaining alignment with international standards and industry best practices.
- The next steps involve further refinement based on this feedback at weekly meetings for the T&A Committee members, ensuring that the questionnaire remains robust, relevant, and aligned with industry needs.
- Stakeholders will be informed of the final changes, and training sessions will be organized to familiarize users, assessors, and assessed companies with the updated questionnaire



SQAS 2025 – GHG emission measuring

Aspects to be considered

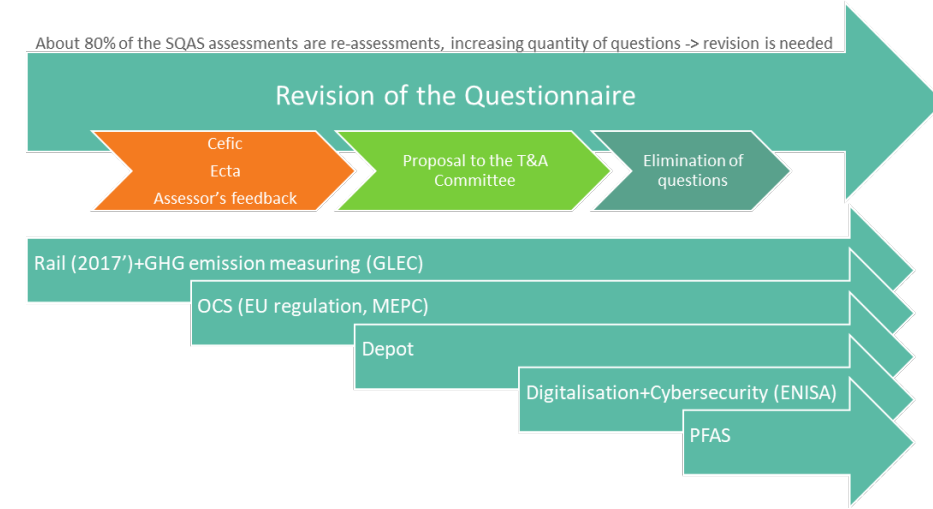
- ISO14083 – GLEC Framework v3 (sept 2023)
 - Module 5 (EU chemical transport) reviewed within GLEC v3
 - Fuel emission intensities revised : higher WTT emission due to methane slip
 - Transport Operation Category (TOC) emission intensities recalculated based on these fuel intensities
 - Align measuring methodology
 - Define TOCs, (minimum) level of detail
 - Calculation TOC emission intensity based on primary data (own or controlled equipment)
 - Supply Chain Entities (SCE) in scope
 - Calculate & report emissions for SCE
- CountEmissions EU
 - Aligned with ISO14083
 - Adoption Q4 2024 (?)
 - European Environmental Agency (EEA) database => include GLEC Module 5 TOC intensities
 - SMEs exempted from the use of primary data, but subject to national legislation (and business needs)



SQAS 2025 – OCS

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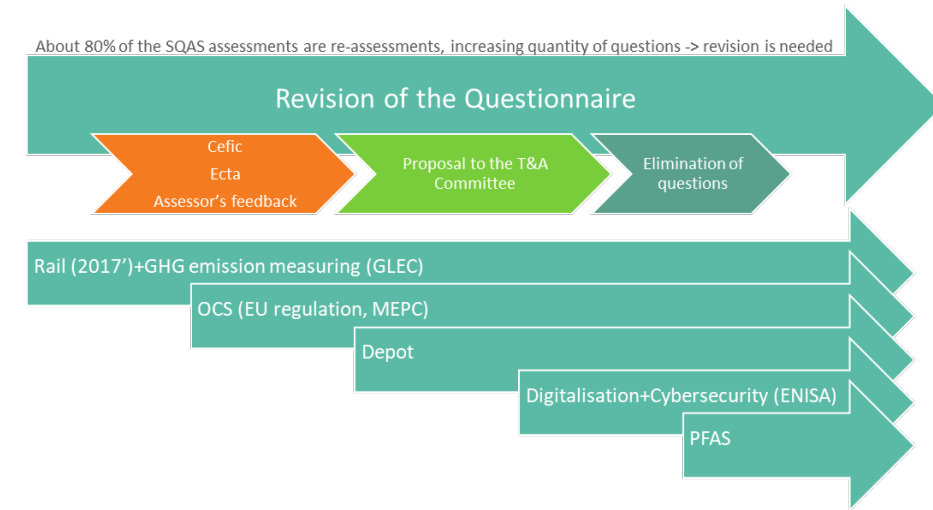
- Revision by OCS technical committee
 - Mandatory vs optional questions
 - Update links & guidance
 - ...
- EU/IMO regulation
 - Partial exclusion for SMEs (1000 tons) => also in SQAS ?
 - Packaging
 - Implementation IMO Circular : notification & special stowage for maritime transport



SQAS 2025 – Digitalisation

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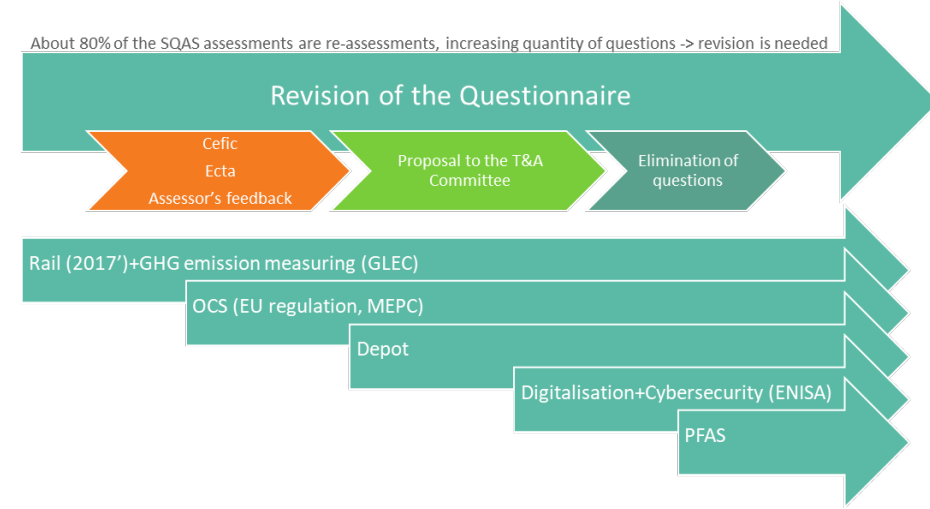
- Define scoring questions
- Data availability
- Data standards (cfr ECTA guidelines)
- Data sharing (cfr ECLIC)
- Data protection (cybersecurity)
- EU regulation (eFTI) : no impact yet expected



SQAS 2025 – PFAS

Aspects to be considered

- Good practises in handling solid PFAS waste (seals, gaskets,...)
- Collaboration with ECTA, ITCO, UIC



(source: European Commission Waste Framework Directive)



Steps in handling waste

(source: ISO 14001)



Thank you



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