



ITCO August 2020 Newsletter *and Technical Report*

A. ITCO August 2020 Newsletter

This month:

- **Work Group Webinars: Dates announced**
- **ITCO Tank Container Training – Shanghai Maritime University**
- **Tank Solutions – Issue 6**
- **Tank Container Village at *transport logistic 2021***
- **Plastic Waste videos: Mandarin version now available**
- **New ITCO Technical Guideline published: “ADR-RID Tank Code”**
- **ITCO E-learning Course**
- **Follow ITCO on Twitter**

1. ITCO Work Group Webinars: September – November 2020

[As announced last month](#), the two 2020 ITCO Members Meetings - provisionally scheduled for Rotterdam and Singapore – have been postponed until next year.

It had been planned to organise a number of Work Group Meetings at these events. As this is now not possible, these Work Group Meetings will now take place as on-line Webinars, as follows:

- **Sustainability Work Group:** Thursday 17 September 2020
- **Technical/Regulatory Work Group:** Wednesday 21 October 2020
- **Safety Work Group:** Wednesday 18 November 2020

Registration details for the Sustainability Webinar will be published early September. Subject to interest from Members, further Webinars can be organised on other topics.

Members are invited to present (or contribute in other ways) to an ITCO webinar; please contact the ITCO Secretariat.

2. Update on ITCO Tank Container Training at the Shanghai Maritime University

In November 2019, ITCO presented the Shanghai Maritime University with a tank container, so that students could have the opportunity to learn about the tank business, as part of their University courses.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has meant that training courses have so far not commenced. However, Members are advised that ITCO is communicating with the university, with a view to starting the Tank Container Courses either late this year, or after Chinese New Year 2021.

3. “Tank Solutions” – Issue 6

In the sixth in his series of external perspectives on the work of ITCO, Peter Mackay considers the question of the carbon footprint of a tank container - and how that fits into the overall picture of a “sustainability” policy. To download, click here: [TANK SOLUTIONS 6](#).

4. ITCO Tank Container Village at *transport logistic 2021*

All ITCO events for this year have had to be cancelled – and it is, of course, too soon to know what the situation will be for next year. In principle, [transport logistic 2021](#) will take place in Munich from 4-7 May 2021. The ITCO Secretariat will continue to monitor the situation, and an update will be published next month.

5. Plastic Waste and the Use of Flexibags – Mandarin version of video available

ITCO has published its *“Plastic Waste and the Use of Flexibags and ISO Tank Containers”* animated video in both English and Mandarin. The purpose of the project is to highlight that flexitanks, which use about 40kg of plastic, do not meet the high environmental standards achieved by tank containers. To view or download the ITCO videos, click on these Links:

- English version: [ANIMATED VIDEO ENGLISH](#)
- Mandarin version (YouTube): [ANIMATED VIDEO MANDARIN](#)
- Mandarin version (WeChat): [ITCO ANIMATED VIDEO - WECHAT](#)

6. New ITCO Technical Guideline published: *“TG06 - ADR-RID Tank Code”*

ITCO has published the latest in its series of Technical Guidelines – *“TG06 – ADR-RID Tank Code”*. The document is intended for ITCO Members when assessing the Tank Code displayed on a RID-ADR Tank Container. It explains how to differentiate the markings requirements for:

- RID-ADR 6.8 Tank Containers
- RID-ADR 6.7 UN Portable Tanks
- IMDG 6.7 UN Portable Tanks

To download TG06, click on this link: [ADR-RID TANK CODE](#)

7. ITCO Publications and Guidelines

In addition to this new document, Members can also download other ITCO Technical Guidance documents from the ITCO Website. Click on: [PUBLICATIONS](#)

- **TG01: SP386** - Guidance for tank operators transporting polymerizing substances
- **TG02: Sampling** - Guidance for tank operators and service providers
- **TG03: TP6 pressure-relief device**: Guidance for tank operators transporting polymerizing substances
- **TG04 Working on Top**: Guidance for working on top of a tank container
- **TG05 Safe Entry into a Tank Container**: Guidance for entering a tank container

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

ITCO Members are reminded that each company is offered two free Tank Container E-learning Courses. Further information from the Course manager, Exis Technologies – please contact:

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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](#)

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

B. ITCO August 2020 Technical Report

This month:

- IMO CCC7 – Postponed
- ISO 6346 – Freight Containers
- Quiz

1. IMO (IMDG) CCC7 (Carriage of Cargoes and Containers) meeting

- Circular 4213/6 indicates that the scheduled September session has been postponed; another Covid “casualty”.

- There are currently no papers submitted that dwell upon UN Portable Tanks.

2. ISO 6346 - Freight containers — Coding, identification and marking

- The current amendment ISO 6346:1995/AMD 3 :2012 is to be supplemented with ISO 6346:1995:4:2020. The standard is in its final stage of the review and voting process.
- Amendment 4 includes a mandatory width mark is to be displayed on the front and rear end of containers where the overall container width is greater than 2.438 m (8 ft) (5.1.5 / Annex G). The amendment applies to containers manufactured from the date the standard is published.



3. Quiz

When transporting IMDG Dangerous Goods, where on the UN Portable Tank should the Placard, UN No. and Technical Name be displayed?

- a. Both sides
- b. Both ends
- c. Sides and ends



Please email your answers to the Technical Secretary (rubery@itco.org)

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