

Chairman's Report

William Leigh-Pemberton,
ITCO Chairman



Dear ITCO Members,

I hope that 2026 has got off to a good start for you – ITCO has plenty of plans and ambitions for the year ahead, and I am pleased to update you with some organizational changes and structural developments in our Association, as well as more importantly the various events and initiatives coming up to support you, our Members.

Board and Executive Director

September last year, the Board elections were concluded and a new Board of 8 Members constituted with 2 seats each for the Leasing Division (Robin Pol of Trifleet and Jan Roebken of Stroom), the Tank Services Division (Armin Vogelaar of SGS and Dennis Verduyn of Stolt Tank Containers Depot Management), the Manufacturing Division (Guoxiang Jee of CIMC and Duncan Maxwell of Perolo) and the Operators Division (Mark Warner of Royal Den Hartogh and myself representing Bertschi AG). I was subsequently elected Chairman of the Board; and with Paul Gooch's term as President expiring at the end of 2025, it was decided to discontinue the President role in ITCO and incorporate it into the Chairman's duties.

The Board and I were delighted that Paul Gooch elected to stay on in the new role of Executive Director, so that we may continue to benefit from Paul's extensive accumulated career knowledge in the Chemical Industry, as well as his ITCO operational experience from the last 2 years.

Globalisation

If there is a theme for our 2026 plans it could be summarized in the single word Globalization. As our Members adjust to Europe's loss of dominance in chemical manufacturing, and to a corresponding growth of chemical movements originating in Asia Pacific, India and the Americas, so must we as your Trade Association

cluster with you in increasing our support in these fast-growing areas.

In the first place, all of our 4 main ITCO activities and meetings for 2026 will take place in the mentioned market zones. Firstly, ITCO will have a booth at transport logistics India Expo, starting on 25th February. At this Expo, we will be promoting ITCO and the support we can bring to all those involved in the ISOtank industry in this Regional market. This is the inaugural edition of the **transport logistics** brand in India, the same trade fair specialists as our regular ITCO Village sites in Munich and Shanghai. It seems very likely that this trade show will accelerate in popularity just as Shanghai has during the past 15 years since its start-up, and that we may have an ITCO Village there in the same way. Come and see us there!

Moving on to April 8, we will be present at the Liquid Bulk Symposium in New Orleans, organized by IFFCBANO and the Port of New Orleans in association with ITCO. This event presents a distinguished line-up of speakers and a unique networking opportunity with bulk liquid logistics professionals from across the Americas and globally. Registration details are on the ITCO website under "Events".

In June, we are once again organizing the ITCO Village at transport logistics Shanghai, which presents a compelling opportunity to meet customers and fellow tank industry

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practitioners in the key China market. This will be the 7th time of organizing the Village, and our formula of providing an exclusive catering and meeting area for our exhibitors creates a perfect environment for fruitful customer meetings.

And last but not least for this year, our Members Meeting for 2026 will be organized in Dubai during October. More details to follow!

Regional Directors

Supporting our expansion in the key market Regions, we are seeking to appoint Regional Directors who are on the ground in each zone and whose understanding of the markets there can enhance our offering in each place. So far, we are pleased to announce that two Regional Directors have agreed to step up: we thank Pradeep Nair of Goodrich (Regional Director India) and Jeff Louis of Freedom Intermodal (Regional Director Americas) for coming on Board. They will be crucial in accelerating our representation and value-add for members present and new in their respective Regions. Already this year, Pradeep has been instrumental in co-ordinating our presence at T & L India, and Jeff is one of the main organizers of the Liquid Bulk Symposium. On behalf of all our Members, I thank you both for joining our Team and going immediately into action.

Legislation

Another core area of ITCO's work is in legislation awareness and lobbying to ensure that our Industry's operating space is not impeded by ever more adverse and restrictive regulation. The current concerns are PFAS restrictions and the withdrawal of Tank Container Dual Certification – and our Technical Director Colin Rubery and Regulatory Director Mike Himbury have done intensive and highly effective work on both, submitting papers on behalf of ITCO to the relevant Bureaus and attending multiple meetings of their committees. In the latter case, ITCO has been able to obtain significant concessions and postponements on the Chapter 6.7 / Chapter 6.8 issue due to this work; meanwhile a similar breakthrough on the PFAS issue seems likely in that "Sector Recognition" may well be awarded to Seals & Gaskets by the Bureau concerned, meaning that our industry will be considered separately from others. Please refer to the reports later in this Newsletter.

Collaboration

Collaboration with other Industry related Trade Bodies will be another emphasis this year. Already we have joined forces with bodies such as ECTA, IRU and CEFIC in some of the above-mentioned initiatives, and we are receiving insights and support for our Depot Audit and Assessment project (also reported on later in the Newsletter) from EFTCO. These collaborations are valuable in that we work united when meeting with Regulators and add value for our Members in ways that might not always be possible working alone. As a further example, later this month, Mike Himbury will join our Board Member Armin Vogelaar to represent ITCO on a Working Group of the Energy Institute (EI), a Trade body bringing together manufacturers, refiners and associated providers in the Energy sector. The EI is formulating a Bio-Feedstock Policy Report focused on the inspection, analysis, storage and handling of Used Cooking Oil (UCO). And a part of the report will be dedicated to tank containers as the key supply chain tool in the movement of UCO. The input from Armin and Mike can hopefully inspire EI's Membership to a heightened awareness of ISOtanks and their safety and integrity in comparison with other transport modes.

Finally, a note of thanks and farewell – Our Technical Director Colin Rubery has announced his intention to retire from his role. Colin not only has a long and distinguished career in the container industry with postings all over the world but has served ITCO tirelessly – having been on the Board of Directors for many years starting in the early 2000's. Colin then took up the role of Technical Director in 2011. The majority of all the Technical Documents in the ITCO Members' Library, including the important Acceptable Container Condition which forms the basis for everyday transactions globally between Depot Owners and Tank Container Fleet Operators, have been brought into existence under Colin's stewardship. We thank Colin very much for such dedicated support of ITCO over the years and will be able to provide a formal Farewell at a Members' event in the future.

Wishing you all a healthy, prosperous and successful year – and bidding Happy New Year to those in China and Asia Pacific, as you welcome in the New Year of the Horse.

William Leigh-Pemberton

Chairman of the ITCO Board of Directors

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MARKET UPDATE

Prepared by Paul Gooch

AS LEGENDARY INVESTOR WARREN BUFFETT WARNED LONG AGO, A LOT OF PROBLEMS CAN BE HIDDEN DURING A BOOM. THE RISK IS THAT WE MAY NOW BE ABOUT TO RELEARN THE MESSAGE OF HIS FAMOUS QUOTE:

“ONLY WHEN THE TIDE GOES OUT DO YOU DISCOVER WHO’S BEEN SWIMMING NAKED.”

Europe’s global market share of plastics production has collapsed from 22% in 2006 to just 12% in 2024, according to the latest annual data from industry body Plastics Europe. Industry sales have also fallen by 13% over the past three years, shrinking from €457 billion in 2022 to €398 billion in 2024, Plastics Europe said Oct. 8 in a briefing at the K 2025 plastics trade fair in Dusseldorf, Germany.

A new report shows that chemical plant closures in Europe, has surged sixfold since 2022, reaching a cumulative 37 mt of capacity – or around 9 % of European production capacity – and resulting in the loss of 20,000 direct jobs in the chemical industry. The report also reveals a sharp slowdown in new investments, highlighting growing concerns over the competitiveness and long-term viability of Europe’s chemical sector.

Marco Mensink, Cefic’s Director General said:

“*The sector is under severe stress and breaking. The rate of closures has doubled in a year, and even worse, annual investments are half and close to zero.”*

This report underlines the human and economic impact of the ongoing wave of closures. In addition to the 20,000 direct job losses, an estimated 89,000 indirect jobs are at risk across Europe, reflecting the chemical industry’s central role in regional value chains.

At the same time, new investment has slowed dramatically. Annual announced investment capacity fell from 2.7 MMt in 2022 to just 0.3 MMt in 2025, amounting to approximately 7 mt in total over 2022–2025.

With closures now significantly outpacing new investments, the European chemical industry is contracting. This trend points to deepening uncertainty for the sector and raises serious questions about Europe’s ability to maintain a competitive, resilient industrial base.

With the chemical industry mired in a prolonged trough, it was perhaps inevitable that balance sheets would start to show stress. Although a wave of defaults has not materialized, producers’ credit ratings have deteriorated.

The strain is starting to show in concrete actions, at least for more leveraged companies. Ineos has frozen hiring, as it seeks to reduce spending. While Ineos officials cited the ongoing challenges and regulatory burdens in the European chemicals sector, the company’s debt levels are on the high side. Credit concerns are not limited to European producers. Braskem SA has announced that it has hired financial and legal advisors to assist in the “development of a diagnosis of economic and financial alternatives” – quite possibly a prelude to a debt restructuring.

North American producers are not immune, but appear to be in a better position largely due to cost advantages. In a report on Dow Inc., S&P Global Ratings noted that the company's credit metrics are "weak relative to our expectations" for its credit rating, however, the agency expects metrics to improve on the back of a solid cost position. Demand recovery looks likely to remain muted in the near-term, however, In the meantime, Dow Inc has announced planned layoffs of 4'500 employees, out of a current workforce of 36'000 (i.e. 12.5%)

The global petrochemical industry outlook for 2026 is dimmed by huge oversupply caused mainly by the massive buildup of capacity in China. More than 10 million metric tons per year (MMt/y) of ethylene capacity was added in China during 2024-25. A further 6.3 MMt/y and 6.8 MMt/y are set to be installed by China in 2026 and 2027, respectively, according to S&P Global Energy CERA. The dramatic buildup has caused major challenges for the industry worldwide. "The chemical sector continues to face fierce competition, particularly from China," said the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) in a recent report.

However, it appears that Chinese capacity will be taken out. "Policy-driven eliminations are underway, especially for older units using naphtha cracking," said Laurence Alexander, an analyst with Jefferies LLC. He noted that an estimated 3 million metric tons per year of potential cuts have been identified. However, petrochemical supply-demand balances are unlikely to be impacted until 2028 at the earliest.

The proposed merger between the Union Pacific (UP) and Norfolk Southern (NS) railroads threatens the competitiveness of the US chemical manufacturing sector, according to an Oct. 16 letter addressed to US President Donald Trump and signed by the leaders of 40 US companies belonging to the American Chemistry Council (ACC). "Today, the US freight rail system is less competitive than ever," the letter states. NS and UP announced the merger July 29. Just four railroads control more than 90% of U.S. rail traffic and most U.S. chemical production facilities are served by only one major railroad.

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Company News

Firms are generally reporting tepid sales growth, and petrochemical producers remain impacted by oversupply. But there are signs the global downcycle that began in late 2022 is no longer getting worse. Companies generally met or exceeded tamped-down expectations for third-quarter results. Even troubled European producers such as BASF SE, Evonik Industries AG and Arkema SA beat analysts' expectations. In North America, too, earnings generally came in ahead of muted expectations. Dow Inc., Celanese Corp., Air Products and Chemicals Inc., and coatings producers PPG Industries Inc. and Sherwin-Williams Co. beat estimates. In specialty chemicals, end-market demand did not meaningfully improve but was for the most part resilient. In the meantime, polyolefin producers were cautiously optimistic, while commentary from the vinyls sector was more subdued.

A notable exception to the generally downbeat mood around end markets: anything to do with AI. Supplying data centers and chip manufacturers is seen as a growth driver for firms that can get into that business, including Dow, DuPont Inc. and Ecolab Inc. For example, Ecolab's high-tech business, which is aimed at those markets, grew sales 25% year over year during the third quarter.

Private equity firm **Carlyle Group LLC**, in partnership with the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA), has entered into a binding agreement to acquire BASF's coatings business for an enterprise value of €7.7 billion, the companies said in a joint statement in October. BASF will retain a 40% stake in the business, which will keep the name BASF Coatings. The acquisition includes BASF's automotive OEM coatings, automotive refinish coatings and surface treatment activities.

Subject to customary regulatory approvals, the transaction is expected to close in the second quarter of 2026.

Braskem SA (São Paulo) has fully shut down its chlorine and caustic soda unit at Maceió, Brazil, and is dismantling it for scrap. Although the closure marks Braskem's exit from chlor-alkali production in Brazil, the company will continue to operate its downstream polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and vinyl chloride monomer production lines using ethylene dichloride imported from the US.

Chevron Phillips Chemical (CPChem; The Woodlands, Texas), an equally owned joint venture of Chevron and Phillips 66, expects two world-scale petrochemical facilities it is currently developing to start operations in 2027. The anticipated 2027 startups were flagged in a statement announcing that Chevron's total organic capital expenditure budget for 2026 is between \$18 billion and \$19 billion. The statement did not specify the two petchem projects under construction!!

Venator Materials UK Ltd., the main UK trading company of Venator Group (Wynard, UK), has signed an agreement to sell its Greatham site and associated titanium dioxide (TiO₂) pigment assets to LB Group Co. (LB Group; Jiaozuo, China), according to a Venator statement Oct. 16.

Hexion Inc. (Columbus, Ohio), a producer of adhesives and performance material solutions, has sold its US Gulf Coast formalin business to Ancala Partners LLP (London), an independent infrastructure manager. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed. The sale includes facilities at Baytown, Texas; Luling, Louisiana; and Geismar, Louisiana, along with associated multiyear customer contracts, Hexion said. These facilities are some of the largest suppliers of methanol-based raw materials in the US Gulf Coast, it said.

Domo Chemicals Group (Ghent, Belgium) filed for insolvency at its three German subsidiaries — Domo Chemicals GmbH, Domo Caproleuna GmbH and Domo Engineering Plastics GmbH — according to a company announcement Dec. 29. Around 585 employees will be affected by the decision, including 515 at the Leuna site in Germany and 70 at Domo Engineering Plastics' site at Premnit, Germany.

Sabich has agreed to sell its European petrochemical assets and engineering plastics assets in Europe and the Americas, to two German buyers for a total enterprise value of \$950 million, the company said in a statement Jan. 8. Sabich will sell the European petchem business to private equity firm Aequita SE & Co. KGaA for an enterprise value of \$500 million and the European and Americas engineering plastics business to holding company Mutares SE & Co. KGaA for an enterprise value of \$450 million, it said in the statement. The two buyers are based in Munich.

TECHNICAL REPORT

New EU directive on DG transport

With the publication of Delegated Directive (EU) 2025/1801 in the Official Journal of the European Union on 13 October, all Member States will have a single common basis for inspections and enforcement. It ramps up the promotion of greater safety, transparency and uniformity in dangerous goods (DG) transport.

Until now, the ADR Convention (the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road) has been interpreted differently from country to country. What counted as a serious offense in one Member State could be dealt with by a warning in another.

The Directive, adopted on 23 June 2025, replaces Annexes I and II of Directive (EU) 2022/1999 and is closely aligned with the existing Directive 2008/68/EC on the transport of dangerous goods. From 24 June 2026, all EU countries will have to apply the new rules.

Figures from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) show that in 2023, more than 1,200 incidents involving leakage, fire or explosion of dangerous cargoes took place in Europe – resulting in dozens of casualties and billions of euros in damage.

With Directive (EU) 2025/1801, the European Commission wants to put an end to this. The introduction of harmonised checklists and a common risk classification will make enforcement “unambiguous, fair and more efficient”.

PFAS per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances

Proposals to restrict the use of PFAS materials (which covers about 10,000 substances) and is particularly relevant to the tank industry because fluoropolymers

materials, such as PTFE (Polytetrafluoroethylene) are used for seals and gaskets are vital for the safe containment of chemicals and liquified gases transported by tank container.

Any restriction will be a significant set-back for the tank industry. There are no adequate alternatives providing the equivalent safe leak proof sealing over the range of substances transported by tank container.

Proposed PFAS restrictions are the subject of ongoing regulatory debate in various countries worldwide, but European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) is arguably seeking the most severe measures, and which are most detrimental to industry.

The next stage in the process is a public consultation by SEAC (Socio-Economic Analysis), and which is scheduled from March 2026.

In preparation for the SEAC consultation, ITCO arranged a webinar for 11.02.26 for the purpose of planning ITCO's response and seeking member participation in the process.

ACC Cladding Repairs

The increased use of SAP's (Self-Adhesive Patches) for cladding repairs provides a salient reminder that ITCO Acceptable Container Condition (ACC) 2017: Amd:2022 requires updating to include SAP's and various other editorial amends.

Members are requested to report their experience of specification and use of SAP's. Please contact the technical secretary. In addition, any proposed amendments to ACC would also be welcome. ITCO will arrange a webinar to discuss the proposed draft of ACC:2026.

This Issue's Technical Quiz

1. What does it mean if the letter 'P' appears against a substance in the DGL?

- a. That it is a poison
- b. That it is a marine pollutant
- c. That it is permitted in portable tanks

2. The safety data sheet is a requirement of which of the following?

- a. The IMDG Code
- b. The Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
- c. The UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

3. IMDG Dangerous Goods List refers to column (6) special provisions and column (11) portable tank and bulk container special provisions. When transporting DG in a UN portable Tank, which column should be applied:

- a. Column 6
- b. Column 11
- c. Column 6 and 11
- d. Neither

Please send your answers to Colin Rubery, ITCO Technical Secretary, on rubery@itco.org

ITCO WORK GROUPS

Digital Twin WG: Progress Report

Background

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.

Such a project opens the possibility of digitizing and automating the on-boarding of ISOTanks into an owner's fleet when purchasing new or when on-hiring from a lessor; as well as doing the same for the handover of tanks to various key partners with whom tank operators work every day - including deep-sea and short-sea shipping providers, hauliers, rail operators and ISOTank depots.

Current Status

All 530 attributes have been built into a draft message schema by a programming team at Stolt Nielsen Tank Containers, whom we thank for offering this resource for our Project. This draft has been shared with the entire WG and discussed at our meeting in Q3 last year. The feedback received during that meeting has been used to create an updated version.

This updated version is now under testing by the programming team at Stolt, together with our partners at Bureau International des Containers (BIC) whose work will enable us, via their Boxtech portal to enable a view of each ISOTank's key details (by keying in the check-code of the container) which matches that available for dry-boxes today. This initiative will address a key challenge operationally for ISOTank operators, who need to spend significant time sending details of each tank container prior to on-boarding by the ship owners. If the shipping lines could access our tank container details in just the same way as they do for dry-boxes, automatically, a good time saving per file is achievable. BIC and Stolt are working on certain coding changes needed to achieve this interface, and once that is complete, we will call on those fleet owners who have kindly volunteered to be part of the test phase, to key in some of their containers to the Digital Twin.

As part of this process, we will need to consult the entire WG on what details can be made "public" to the BIC database. One logical suggestion is that everything visible on the tank container's Data Plate is essentially public already; and that this data, as well as the current Inspection Certificate can be displayed. BIC has strong protocols in place against data-scraping, so that there is minimal danger of the database being used to profile the specification of an entire fleet.

Report by William Leigh-Pemberton (Bertschi) - WG Co-Leader

2026 TANK CONTAINER FLEET REPORT

The 2026 ITCO Fleet Report is currently being prepared, with latest information about tank container fleet sizes and market growth. Operators and leasing companies are asked to send their fleet size (at 1 January 2026) to hicks@itco.org

ITCO WORK GROUPS

Depot Assessment & Audit Work Group: Progress Report

The main workload by the WG - to establish the structure of the depot questionnaire, and the extent of information to be gathered and published on each depot - is completed.

A separate workstream was then pursued in the WG to pursue, in collaboration with web portal providers, the process of both creating and maintaining a database portal which can host depot information and capabilities (to be derived from the depot questionnaire already devised by the WG); and which can show the status of each depot in terms of the audit of set standards for safety, environmental stewardship and social governance ("Verification Requested" / "Verified" / "Not Verified").

From the five providers who answered an RFQ, one has been selected, which is ITCO Member Intermodal Portal. They presented at the WG and were confirmed. The necessary Service Level Agreements and Contract have been discussed and agreed between the WG leaders and Intermodal Portal and are ready for signature. The WG leaders will now accordingly present these to the ITCO Board for approval, so that immediate work can start on creating the Portal.

In parallel with this work, the next stages of the Project are:

1. To formulate the Inspection Handbook for our site Auditors to follow, divided into Chapters in the SHEQ tab of our Questionnaire
2. To devise a training programme for Auditors based on this handbook. The training will be mandatory for all Auditors to be dispatched on behalf of ITCO
3. Based on the required inspection processes described in the Training, to define the required qualifications of the auditors for inclusion on the training programme, and the means of maintaining the qualification after training completed.

We thank Mathieu Lamon of BV for agreeing to lead a sub-group of 8 Members charged with achieving these three items. The first sub-group meeting just before year-end has formulated around half of the handbook; and further meetings are in the pipeline.

Many operators are confronting the increasing imbalance between ongoing ISOtank fleet growth, and shortage of depot capacity in certain regions. As the worldwide ISOtank fleet continues to grow, it is important for ITCO to promote the expansion and development of a safe, sustainable depot ecosystem to support this fleet growth.

Report by William Leigh-Pemberton (Bertschi) – WG Co-Leader

REGULATIONS REPORT

Update on the Elimination of Dual Certification in RID/ADR

The Autumn 2025 session of the Joint Meeting of RID/ADR adopted the WG on Tanks draft proposal to cease new build dual certification of UN Portable Tanks on 1st January 2030 and convert existing dual certified tanks as from the first 5-year periodic test after 1st July 2031. These regulations are now expected to be published in the 2027 edition of RID/ADR. Therefore, the Working Group on Tanks has now turned its attention to adopting mitigations requested by industry to reduce negative effects on distribution on substances within RID/ADR territories.

ITCO anticipates that most General-Purpose intermodal tanks will in future be UN Portable Tanks which incorporate deep sea, road and rail approvals on a global basis.

The ITCO proposals on new regulations permitting UN Portable Tanks to utilise bottom discharge on 107 extra substances and creating an additional 96 Tank Instructions for use whilst operating in RID/ADR, territory was adopted in principle by the WG on Tanks on 27th January 2026.

A further meeting of the WG on Tanks, Chaired by ITCO, has been convened for 12th February to agree methodology on selecting each substance on the ITCO proposals. A further ITCO proposal for UN Portable Tanks to adopt RID/ADR filling ratios whilst operating in these territories, was also adopted by the WG on tanks. This will permit an extra 2% of payload volume on a range of substances provided there are no maritime sectors in the transport chain.

It is anticipated that these mitigations will be published in 2029 RID/ADR but will be adopted in reports by the Joint

Meeting much earlier and will therefore enable industry to plan its strategy in advance of publication.

Whilst ITCO members active in operations have worked hard to argue against the elimination of dual certification, attention is now being focused on adopting mitigations to maintain some of the flexibilities currently available.

It could be said that a single certified UN Portable Tank, armed with the proposed mitigations will be a less complex specification to manage in terms of new build certification, intermediate and periodic inspection, and other operational processes. However, it is vital that we also focus on our customer's operations.

At the September 2025 session of the RID/ADR WG on Tanks, CEFIC, represented by a senior manager from BASF, provided evidence that changing from goods transactions currently managed under RID/ADR Ch 6.8, to a mixture of flows from Chapter 6.8 RID/ADR for road tankers and Chapter 6.7 for UN Portable Tanks, would be a significant additional burden. They requested and were granted a 2-year extension and accepted January 1st, 2030, as an acceptable implementation date.

In addition to the burden of conducting re-training for staff, it is understood that many companies utilise Enterprise Resource Planning systems such as SAP which are highly complex to amend. So, whilst our focus has very much been on our own direct market sector, we need to also consider whether our customers will be ready at the start of 2030.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEB
2026

Transport Logistic India 2026

Mumbai, 25-27 February 2026

APR
2026

Liquid Bulk Symposium

Port of New Orleans, 08 April 2026

JUN
2026

Transport Logistic China 2026

Shanghai, 24-26 June 2026



ITCO to Exhibit at Transport Logistic India 2026 in Mumbai

MUMBAI, INDIA | 25-27 FEBRUARY 2026

The International Tank Container Organisation (ITCO) is pleased to announce its participation as an **exhibitor at Transport Logistic India 2026**, taking place from **25-27 February 2026 at Mumbai's iconic Jio World Convention Centre**.

Transport Logistic India is one of Asia's most significant events for logistics, mobility, IT, and supply chain management - bringing together key stakeholders from across the global transport and logistics industry.

ITCO's presence at the exhibition underscores its commitment to supporting the growth and safe operation of the **tank container industry** in India and the wider Asia-Pacific region.

Visitors to the ITCO stand will have the opportunity to learn more about the organisation's work in promoting best practices, safety standards, and innovation within the tank container sector.

ITCO will also be highlighting its ongoing initiatives to support members in emerging markets and to facilitate international cooperation within the logistics and chemical transport communities.

ITCO welcomes all industry professionals attending **Transport Logistic India 2026** to visit its booth and engage with representatives from across the global tank container industry.

Further information on: <https://transportlogistic-india.com>



Liquid Bulk Symposium, New Orleans, in cooperation with ITCO

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For the ITCO members interested in joining this top-rated event, please find details of the event, and registration below.

The registration page is live and the link can be found below. Cost is **\$75/per person** and the event is on **Wednesday April 8**. Venue is at the Port of New Orleans admin building located at 1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70130.

Regarding other events surrounding the symposium for anyone interested, there is an open house at Freedom Intermodal's office on Tuesday April 7 and a golf outing on April 9. The golf outing is separate from the symposium, but most attendees stay for it.

Register now!

There are no hotels blocks available. Most attendees book in downtown New Orleans (warehouse district). Everything is within walking distance or short uber ride. Less than 10 minutes.

Tentative topics on the agenda are as follows...but there is clearly a high quality speaker line-up!

- Beth Branch (Port of NOLA CEO)
- Keynote - David Cresson who is head of the Louisiana

Chemical Association - represents the chemical plants in Louisiana

- Shipping/ocean/rail panel (this panel is for shippers/ocean carriers/Class 1 rail. Discussion is around logistics in the chemical/bulk liquid space)
- Port panel (discussion regarding Port systems and infrastructure improvements)
- Legal/FTZ bonded (discussion about benefits of FTZ and bonded facilities as this is a hot topic amongst ISO tank importers)
- ITCO panel (TBD)
- Hazmat panel (Ouray discussing the anatomy of a hazmat response and how to respond)

There will be an Isotank training tank that is located in the parking lot of the event.



ITCO Tank Container Village at Transport Logistic Shanghai

SHANGHAI 24-26 JUNE 2026

Members are registering fast for booths in the ITCO Village at Transport Logistics Shanghai 2026.

Companies wishing to reserve a stand at this leading industry event, contact paul.gooch@itco.org for the application form.

ITCO EVENT REPORT

ITCO 2025 Members Meeting

18-19 November 2025, Singapore

ITCO successfully held its 2025 Members Meeting in Singapore on 18-19 November 2025, welcoming more than 150 participants from across the global tank container industry.

The event began with the **Tank Container Safety Workshop**, presented by **John Campen, Director, Xtec Asia**, who addressed the critical themes of **Safety, Compliance, Cargo Security and Cost Efficiency**

This was followed in the evening by the **"Welcome to Singapore" Networking Reception and Buffet Dinner**.

The full-day conference on the following day comprised presentations covering global market conditions, new technology, paperless logistics, insurance, environmental projects – together with an update on four current ITCO Projects and Work Groups.



Gina Fyffe, Chief Executive Officer of **Integra Petrochemicals Pte Ltd**, provided a detailed analysis of the global petrochemical supply chain, examining how ongoing geopolitical shifts, changing trade routes,

and sustainability pressures are reshaping logistics patterns across key markets. Her presentation highlighted how the tank container sector can adapt to these disruptions through flexibility, innovation, and digital integration.

John Richardson, Senior Executive in the **Business Solutions Group at ICIS**, delivered a data-driven overview of the Asia-Pacific chemical and logistics markets, focusing on the impact of shifting supply-demand balances, regional investment trends, and future trade flows. His session offered a valuable perspectives for operators, shippers, and service providers navigating the evolving dynamics of the regional tank container industry.



Future trends and developments in the Indian Chemical Industry were provided by **D Sothi Selvam**, Director General, Indian Chemical Council

A presentation on the **Paperless Trade Project** involving the movement of tank containers and celebrating the World's First Fully Digitalised Green Chemical Shipment was given by **Celtic Renewables, LogChain, Den Hartogh**

In their presentation **"Using AI and Scanning Technology to Avoid Tank Entry for Internal Inspection"**, presented by **Dennis Verduyn**, Global Depots Director, **Stolt Tank Containers**, and **Abel Noordanus**, Founder of **Scantank**, the speakers showcase cutting-edge technology that enables safer, non-invasive tank inspections - improving safety and efficiency through artificial intelligence and advanced imaging solutions.



J. Aaron Montgomery, President and CEO of Ouray

Opportunities and Challenges for Tank Containers in the Asia-Pacific Region was the title of a presentation delivered by **J. Aaron Montgomery**, President and CEO of **Ouray**, during which he analysed the future growth potential of the ISO tank market in Asia-Pacific, trends in the regional chemical industry, and the importance of training, chassis maintenance, and proper loading procedures. Real-world examples of chemical response and transloading services highlighted how best practice is driving growth and safety in this dynamic region.

The afternoon programme continued with an **Update on ITCO Work Groups and Regulatory Activities**, covering ongoing projects such as the **Depot Audit Project**, **Trucking Standard Technical Guideline**, **ADR/RID Dual Certification**, and **Digital Twin** initiatives.

The event concluded with a **Post-Conference Reception and Buffet Dinner**, providing additional networking opportunities for delegates.

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Top: Bettina Brierley, Dennis Verduyn, Mark Warner, John Richardson presenting, Mike Yarwood and Mike Tunstall