



ITCO February 2018 Newsletter & Technical Report

A. ITCO February 2018 Newsletter

In this month's newsletter:

- New ITCO website launched...
- ...with new logins and passwords required
- Operators and Manufacturers Divisions – Elections of Divisional Vice-Chairman
- Tank Container Village at *transport logistic China 2018* – just TWO exhibition stands remaining
- 2018 ITCO Tank Container Fleet Survey
- ITCO Tank Container E-learning Course
- Members Meetings: Presentations available to download

1. Positive feedback to the new ITCO website

- Feedback to the new ITCO website design has been very positive, with many useful comments being received. Please see www.itco.org
- As you will note, the new site has a more modern design, presenting ITCO as a professional organisation, promoting the use of tank containers.
- The aim is to enable members (and other interested parties) to find relevant information quickly and efficiently.
- Comments, feedback and suggestions for additional content are, as always, very welcome.

2. New logins and passwords

- Please check your company's details on the list of members – and if you notice any changes that are required, please email: hicks@itco.org
- We have simplified the Login and Password system, for Members to access Members-only areas of the website. There will be one login and password per company.
- If you need your company's login details, please email: accounts@itco.org

3. Elections for Vice-Chairmen of the ITCO Operators and Manufacturers Divisions

- The positions of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen on the ITCO Board work on a 2-cycle.
- For this reason, the posts of Vice-Chairmen of ITCO's Operators Division and Manufacturers Division have now become vacant.
- We are now inviting Members of the ITCO Operators and Manufacturers Divisions to put their names forward as candidates for the respective positions
- Members who wish to stand as candidates in the election should email hicks@itco.org before 16:00 on Monday 26 February when acceptance of nominations will be closed.

- After that date, we will arrange elections for the new Vice-Chairman. All members of the Operators Division will have one vote to select their preferred candidates.
- **Tank Container Village at *transport logistic China 2018* – just TWO exhibition stands remaining**
- ITCO will once again be organising the **Tank Container Village** at *transport logistic China 2018* – taking place in Shanghai from Wednesday 16 to Friday 18 May 2018.
- There has been considerable interest in the Exhibition, with only TWO Exhibition Stands still available
- If you are interested in booking a stand, please contact hicks@itco.org.

4. **2018 Tank Container Fleet Survey**

- Final editing of the 2018 ITCO Tank Container Fleet Survey is now taking place.
- As previously announced, it will be published next week.
- Many thanks to all Members and other companies who have contributed their statistics.

5. **ITCO Tank Container E-Learning Course**

- The updated version of the ITCO Tank Container E-learning Course has now been launched.
- The contents of the Course was reviewed at the end of last year and – where appropriate – feedback from individuals who have taken it has been introduced.
- For further information, click [HERE](#)

6. **Members Meetings: Presentations available to download**

- PDFs of presentations made at recent ITCO Members Meetings are available to download from the ITCO website.
- Further information, go to: <https://international-tank-container.org/en/events>

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

B. ITCO February 2018 Technical Report

- **RID_ADR Joint meeting**
- **Fibre-reinforced plastics (composite) portable tanks**
- **ISO 1496-3 tank containers specification and test**
- **Safety – Molasses**

1. RID-ADR Joint Meeting

- The next RID-ADR Joint Meeting will take place in March 2018.
- Agenda items include:
 - Template for Chapter 6.8 tank plates (unlike UN Portable tanks ADR does not provide a data plate format) and work is proposed to create a template (hopefully in line with UN)
 - Use of austenitic-ferritic stainless steels for the construction of tanks according to 6.8.5
 - Initial and periodic certificates of inspection of tanks signed and transmitted electronically
 - Welding on tanks - responsibilities for welding approvals in the case of construction repair and modification of tanks EN ISO 15614-1 referenced via EN 14025:2013 + A1:2016

2. Fibre-reinforced plastics (composite) portable tanks

- UN Transport Dangerous Goods Sub-Committee Work Group is tasked with the directive to draft the proposed UN regulation for construction and use of composite material tanks.
- The Work Group will be attended by ITCO

3. ISO 1496-3 tank containers specification and test

- ISO 1496-3 Standard concerns the prototype testing of tanks.
- Following the review, it has been amended and is currently pending final acceptance votes by the ISO organisations for each country.
- The amendments are mostly updating of the old version. There are no significant changes.

4. Safety – Molasses

- Members are reminded that both non-regulated and regulated dangerous goods can pose hazards.
- Tank Cleaning Journal 01.2018 reported that two men died in Australia during the cleaning of a tank that had last transported a sugar-cane by-product containing 4 percent urea.
- Personnel should not enter tanks without the due process of a valid tank entry permit.

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