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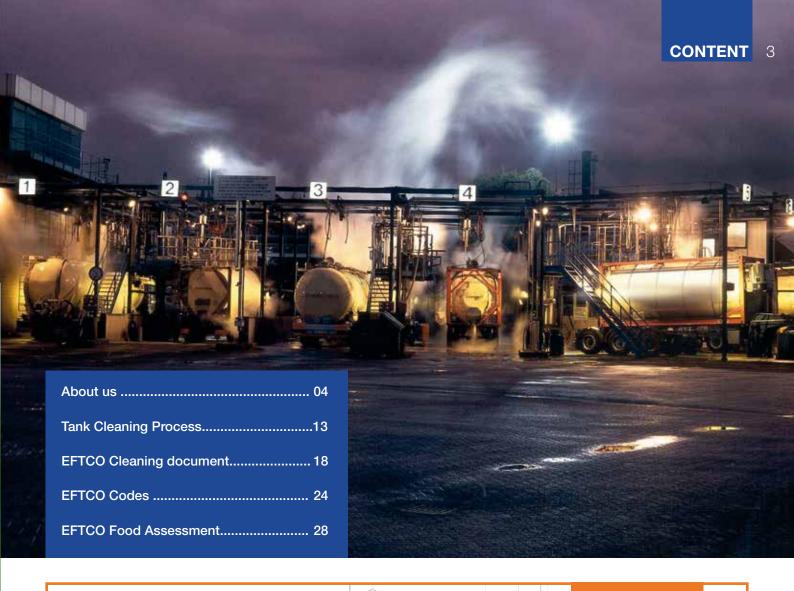


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## **EFTCO**

## **European Federation of Tank Cleaning Organisations**

EFTCO was founded 1999 with the main aim to organize tank cleaning in safe and environmental responsible way all over Europe.

Today, EFTCO represents 20 national associations covering 24 European countries and able to achieve a network of 570 cleaning stations. EFTCO is a "non-profit" association committed to reliable, trustworthy and environmental friendly services of its members. EFTCO works together with interested parties on matters of Safety, Environment, Education and Technical improvements to develop a better understanding and practice in tank cleaning.

EFTCO has cooperation with European Federations like the European Chemicals Council (Cefic), the European Chemical Transport Association (ECTA), the International Tank Container Organisation (ITCO). The activity is underpinned by the EFTCO Cleaning Document (ECD), owned by EFTCO and used by the cleaning companies to record in a multi lingual format the services completed. The ECD has unique numbering to provide traceable provenance by EFTCO's Members of any legitimate ECD.

Tank Cleaning is an essential part of the supply chain





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## **History**

## Founding members with a vision for Europe

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- APLICA France
- NRTCA UK
- ATCN Netherlands
- ALCI Italy
- ANLIC of Spain.

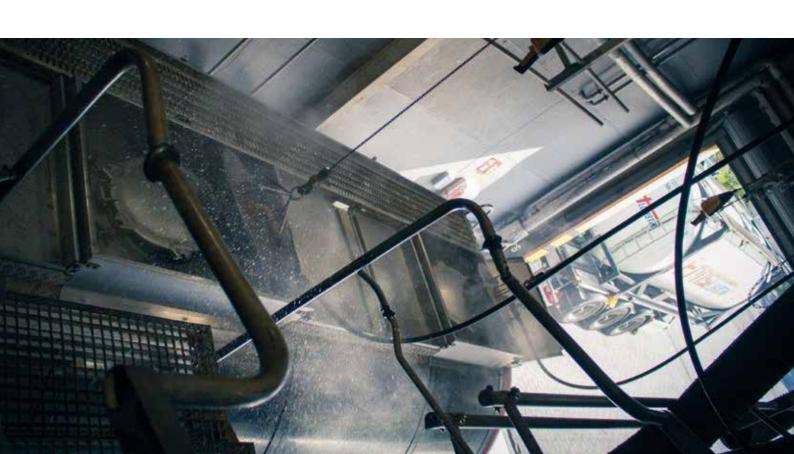
The aim was to establish in co-operation with ECTA (European Chemical Transport Association) and CEFIC (The European Chemical Industry Council) a uniform cleaning document (ECD) for tank cleaning operations in Europe as a contribution to the Responsible Care program.

The European Cleaning Document was introduced and became a success story as the most accepted uniform cleaning document in Europe.

14 additional European Associations followed and became member of EFTCO, today representing 24 European countries.

In 2017 EFTCO decided to launch a new area for the ECD and renamed the cleaning document into EFTCO CLEANING DOCUMENT.

EFTCO is now prepared for globalization, digitalization and future challenges.





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Quality and security concerning our internal and external transport and logistic network is very important for the STOCKMEIER. For this reason, we have implemented already in early stages the SQAS process into our QM system. SQAS Cleaning Assessment is a basic condition for the use of ECD as a continuous mark of quality and security of tank cleaning.

STOCKMEIER Chemie offers international standards for the cleaning process; cleaning and disinfecting agents. Our customers are companies from various industries such as tank cleaners, logistics companies, chemical industries, food and feedindustries etc. STOCKMEIER Chemie is SQAS certified.

Example	Aceton	Cleaning technology by STOCKMEIER Chemie
Flash point °C / °F	-18 / 64,4	None, water-based system
Solvent	Yes	No
Danger of explosion	Yes	No
Cleaning time minutes approx.	60	30
Environmental compatibility, work safety	No	Yes

## Investment into the future

#### **Cleaning agents and Specialties, including Water Chemistry**

Innovation, research and development plays a central role in STOCKMEIER Chemie. We are constantly investing in projects related to sustainable, energy- efficient processes and secure our expertise and products with patents.

#### The result is the development of

We have new applications such as selective removal of trace substances or selective disinfectants for the tank industry.

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#### For more information:

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## **Tank Cleaning**

#### is an essential part of the supply chain

It is important that this service is carried out by professional and reliable partners. This is one of the main objectives of EFTCO and for which the EFTCO Cleaning Document (ECD) stands for. To carry out all these cleaning in a safe way, people must be well aware of the dangers and well trained. Different national organisations have developed special trainings which are organized regularly. A big product database is necessary to manage the cleaning procedures and the protections measures of our operators.

The majority of the cleaning stations are well equipped with modern high pressure technology, a sophisticated waste water treatment and scrubber systems to clean the vapors to avoid emissions.

The wastewater treatment of a tank cleaning station can consists out of a physic chemical installation, a biology, a tertiary purification (flotation), a sand filtration and an activated carbon filtration. All this is needed to reach the disposal standards.

Quality control and improvement of the standards is seen with high priority at EFTCO. The fulfillment of industry standards is as important as analyzing and sharing root causes of incidents and accidents. Learning from each others mistake.

EFTCO has always promoted the SQAS system as a tool for improvement. By updating the SQAS questionnaires regularly, the new tendencies of the industry are followed and implemented. In this way a continuous improvement can be achieved.

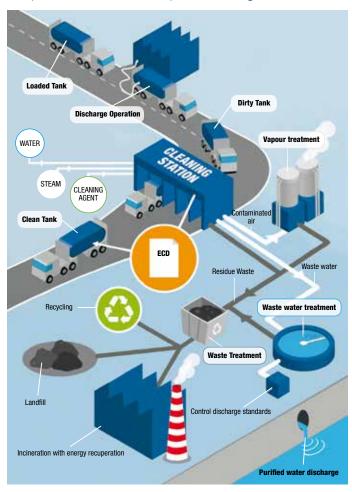
SQAS (Safety & Quality Assessment System) is a system to evaluate the quality, safety, security and environmental performance of Logistics Service Providers and Chemical Distributors in a uniform manner by single standardised assessments carried out by independent assessors using a standard questionnaire.

An SQAS assessment does not lead to a certificate but offers a detailed factual report which each chemical company needs to evaluate according to its own requirements. A copy of the document can be obtained at www.sqas.org/ download-questionnaire.php

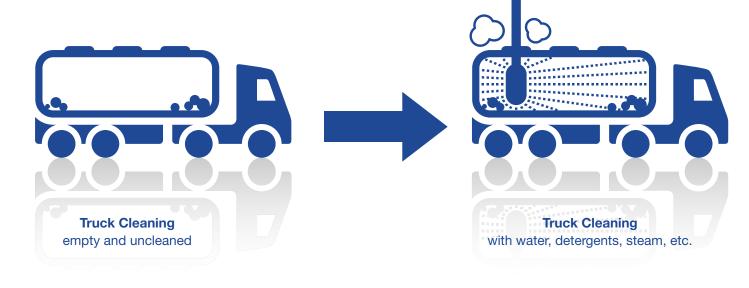
EFTCO keeps contact with the chemical industry and is a partner in new developments and discussion. Participation in the SQAS T&A and Executive committee with good contacts to Cefic and ECTA. Only the cleaning stations that certified SQAS and members of EFTCO though the National Cleaning Stations Associations, have the right to issue ECD.

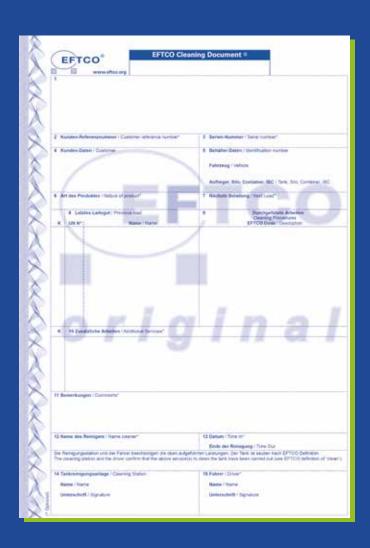
#### We develop standards.

#### The process in an ECD Compliant Cleaning Station



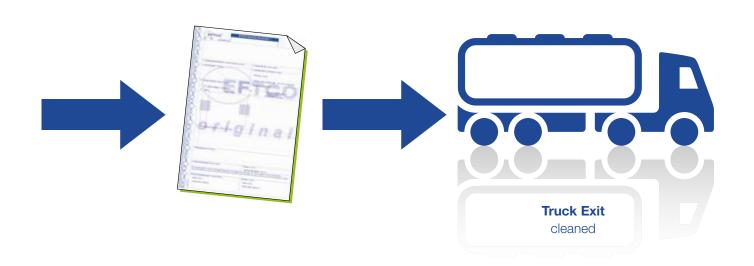
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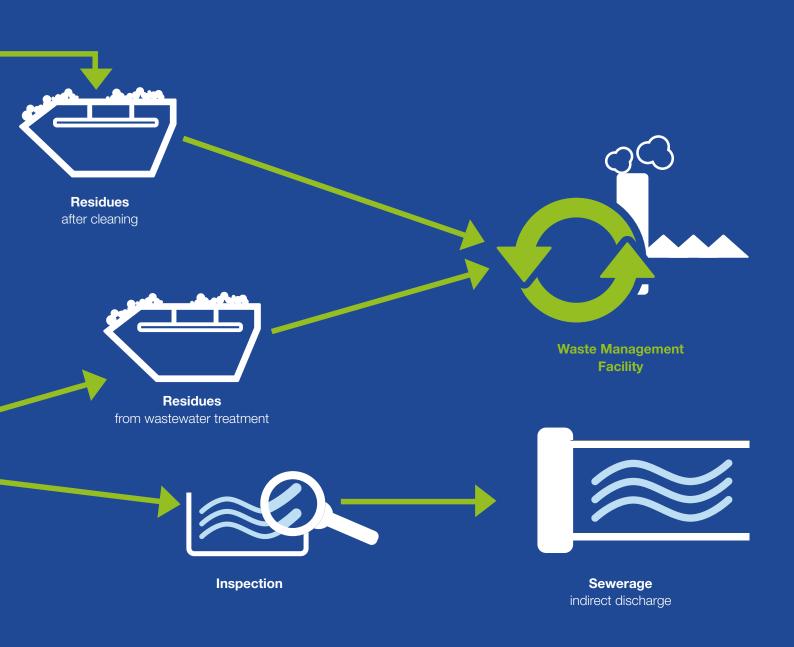






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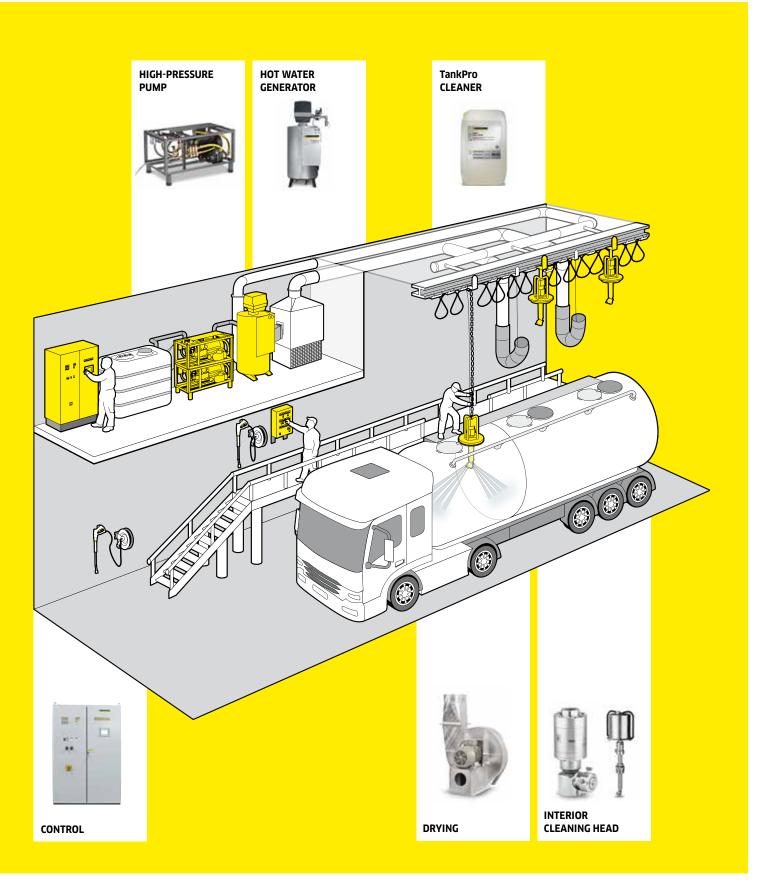
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## EFTCO CLEANING DOCUMENT

## European 'best practice' for tank cleaning documentation

The uniform EFTCO Cleaning Document (formerly European Cleaning Document) (ECD) has been developed by EFTCO in co- operation with ECTA and CEFIC, in order to satisfy the needs of cleaning stations, transport companies and manufacturing companies. Ownership and exclusive reproduction of EDC is owned by EFTCO, being registered in the European Register of Trademarks and Patents no. 202130-0001.

Only the cleaning stations that certified SQAS and members of EFTCO through the National Cleaning Stations Associations, have the right to issue ECD. The minimum requirement for access to the ECD is supervised by EFTCO's national associations. The ECD is European wide accepted and is using cross-linguistic EFTCO Codes, which provides a documentation of progressed

tank cleaning and equipment accessories. Those EFTCO Codes can easily be assimilated to new need of documentation and additional codes can be added.

All cleaning stations, which are members of EFTCO related national associations use the standardized EFTCO Cleaning Document (ECD) for the documentation of cleaning. The ECD is a document common accepted as a proof that the tank cleaning was carried out as the customer requested, at a high-quality level and in respect of all legal, safety and environmental requirements. The ECD contains important information for all partners in the supply chain and is understandable in different countries. This was achieved by introducing the EFTCO cleaning codes translated in 21 languages.



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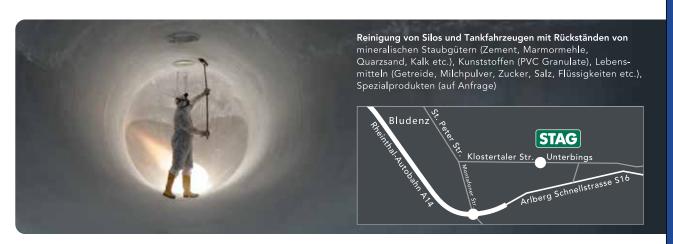
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#### The use of a uniform European document has important advantages for all parties involved:

- The document has the same form which can easily be distinguished from the falsifications.
- The use of a unique numbering system provides security and authentication traceable against fraudulent misuse of the cleaning documents.
- The fact that the same information is always in the same place on the cleaning document will facilitate its use by operators at loading points, by drivers etc.
- The use of the EFTCO Tank Cleaning Codes will make it easy for everybody to identify and understand which cleaning operations have been carried out to clean the tank.
- The EFTCO Tank Cleaning Codes are currently available in 21 European languages.

This provides a clear understanding of the cleaning document information for all users throughout Europe. ECDs are signed by both the driver and the cleaning station after checking the status of "cleanliness" of the recipient.

#### Definition of the EFTCO for "clean" is the following:

"A tank shall be described as clean when there are no visible traces or odor of the last product transported or cleaning agent, following an inspection via the man-lids".

The validity of ECD: the responsibility for keeping the tank clean in accordance with the specifications of the ECD is transferred to the transport company when the tank leaves the cleaning station.







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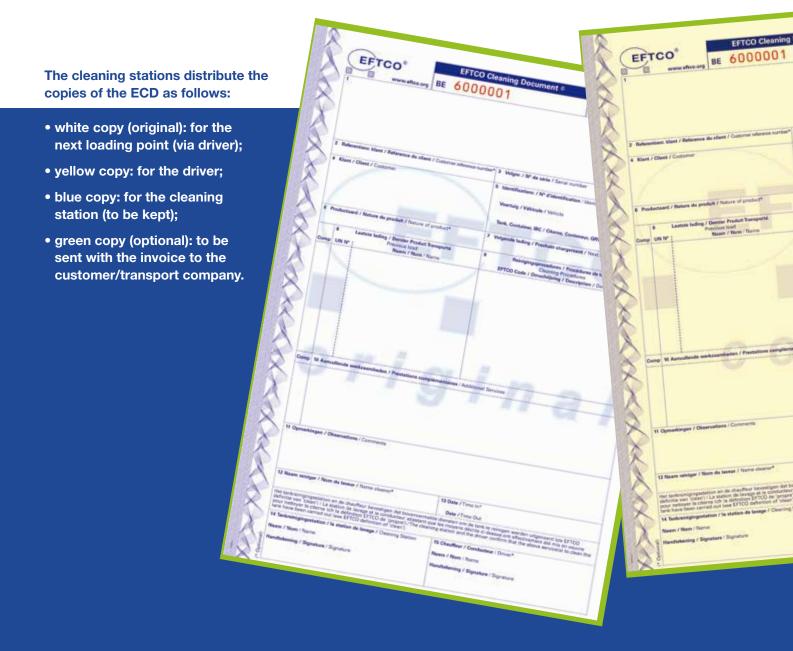
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C10 Neutral detergent

C20 Acid detergent

C30 Caustic soda

C40 Hydrocarbon mixture

C41 Kerosene

C42 Fuel

C50 Organic acid

C60 Solvents

**C61** Acetone

C62 MEK

**C63** Butylacetate

C64 Latex remover

C80 Sanitising agent

C81 Hydrogen peroxide

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E05 E10	Degas Scouring	<b>E</b> 60	anti-return valves)  Cleaning of airlines	E77	Internal cleaning of the degassing valve with high
E15	Cleaning with handgun	<b>E</b> 61	Cleaning of air connections		pressure
E16	High pressure cleaning	E62	Cleaning of air manifold	E78	Cleaning with high pressure of fill- and discharge ope-
E20	Brushing	E63	Internal cleaning of the		ning lids, rims included, lids
E25	Recirculation Cleaning		lower airline with cold water		and all joined parts
E30	Steam drying		and blowing the residual water out of the line	E79	Cleaning of all gaskets of all fill- and discharge openings
E35	Hot air drying	E64	Internal cleaning of the up-	E80	Dismantling of ancillaries
E36	Hot air drying: drying with air with T >60°C		per airline with cold water and blowing the residual	E85	Removal of labels
E40	Dip tube		water out of the line	E90	Sealing
E41	Collectors	E65	Pump cleaning	E91	Cleaning station checked
E50	Hose cleaning	E66	Cleaning of filter		that the seals, with the numbers mentioned on the
<b>E</b> 51	Cleaning of hose box	E67	Cleaning of vibration mat		ECD, are applied properly
E52	Cleaning of spill box	<b>E</b> 68	Cleaning of rotary valve		on the tank. This does not imply any liability whatso-
E55	Cleaning of ancillaries	E69	Cleaning of manlids		ever on the part of the clea-
E56	In- & external hose cleaning	E70	Removal of manlid gasket		ning station.
	over the full length with	E71	Cleaning of manlid gasket	E92	Steam heating
	HP mole and draining the water out of the hose	E72	External cleaning of the	E93	Hot water heating
E57	Internal hose box cleaning		micro-filter in the airline and internal cleaning of the filter	E94	Electrical heating
	over the full length with a		body	E95	Livery
	HP mole	E75	Renewal of manlid gasket	E99	Miscellaneous





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F01	Cleaning with potable water only
F50	Food approved detergent
F51	Food approved sanitizing agent
F60	Turbidity measurement
F61	Conductivity measurement
F62	ATP measurement
F63	pH-value measurement
F64	Membrane filter test
F65	Allergen test
F85	Sanitizing with hydrogen peroxide
F86	Sanitizing with peracetic acid
F98	Food approved Cleaning station

Miscellaneous

F99

## **Procedures**

P01	Cold water spin
P02	Cold (T=ambient) water spin in a complete cleaning cycle
P09	Hot water spin (T>80°C)
P10	Hot water spin (T>60°C)
P11	Hot water spin (T>40°C)
P15	CIP Cleaning
P20	Recleaning
P25	Toxic clean
P26	Kosher procedure
P27	Halal procedure
P30	Drying
P31	Drying with air at ambient Temperature
P40	Steaming
P50	Sanitisation with chemicals
P51	Sanitisation with steam
P52	Neutralisation
P60	Nitrogen purging
P61	CO <sub>2</sub> purging
P80	Vapour recovery

## Handlings

H01 Handling in Handling out H50 Movement on chassis H60 Miscellaneous H99





## **Tests**

T61

**T90** 

**T99** 

#### T01 Visual | Odour inspection T02 Visual inspection: definition of clean (allowed from silo discharge opening) T10 Inspection with tank entry **T20** pH neutral T30 **Outlet Temperature** measured (T>93°C) **T50** Air test T60 LFI measurement

Oxygen test

Vacuum test

Miscellaneous

W01 Residue **W50** Waste water treatment

W90 Prewash

**W**99 Miscellaneous



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## EFTCO FOOD ASSESSMENT

## Food Safety - an important matter for EFTCO's Members

As part of the Food logistic chain, the European European Federation of Tank Cleaning Organisations (EFTCO) and their associated cleaning stations had already realized in 2013 their responsibility for food safety and food defence. The tank cleanings involved in food and food related transports have to fulfil the high quality standards of the industry.

Who else than EFTCO with 20 national associations covering 24 European countries could be able to achieve a network of 570 cleaning stations oblige that this service is carried out by professional and reliable partners?

Already 5 years ago, in 2013, EFTCO implemented the EFTCO FOOD ASSESSMENT and our members involved in food cleaning voluntarily added ca. 120 questions to their quality audit assessments related to clean food tanks.

The aim of the EFTCO FOOD ASSESSMENT was to integrate the European legislation as much as possible into the EFTCO FOOD questionnaire. During the compilation of the questionnaire the fact had to be taken into consideration that there are no special legal requirements for foodstuff cleacleaning stations are taken into consideration.

#### A complete EFTCO Food Assessment consists of 3 parts:

- 1. SQAS core with general management, quality and safety questions
- 2. SQAS tank cleaning with general tank cleaning questions
- 3. EFTCO Food Assessment questionnaire with food specific questions

As the requirements of food cleaning has local and industrial differences, the assessments results are published to the industry. The quality evaluation can be done individually under observation of the individual industry demand.

140 cleaning stations participate the EFTCO Food Assessment until the end of 2017 and assessments results are released. Detailed assessment results can be made available by the cleaning stations, the owner of those reports.

Those assessed cleaning stations are allowed by EFTCO to use the "EFTCO Food Assessed Logo".



Independent and approved assessor guarantee a high-quality information, as only qualified and approved assessors are nominated to execute those assessments.

It is foreseen to release and update 2018 version of the EFTCO FOOD ASSESSMENT Questionnaire to implement the received feedback from the industry to improve the assessment data and to adapt industry demands.

The EFTCO Food Assessment Questionnaire is actually available in 6 languages and is available in the download section of www.eftco.org



EFTCO announce those assessed cleaning station on their interactive European web site map of European Tank Cleaning Stations www.eftco.org/depots.



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## EFTCO CLEANING DOCUMENT

## Tank cleaning documentation by ECD and EFTCO Codes

The uniform EFTCO Cleaning Document (formerly European Cleaning Document) (ECD) has been developed by EFTCO in co-operation with ECTA and CEFIC, in order to satisfy the needs of cleaning stations, transport companies and manufacturing companies.

The ECD is European wide accepted and is using cross-linguistic EFTCO Codes, which provides a documentation of progressed tank cleaning and equipment accessories. Those EFTCO Codes can easily be assimilated to new need of documentation and additional codes can be added.

Actually 13 codes are related to Foodstuffs and to be used in addition to the 103 existing general EFTCO codes.

## **Foodstuffs**

F01 Cleaning with potable water only

F50 Food approved detergent

F51 Food approved sanitizing agent

F60 Turbidity measurement

F61 Conductivity measurement

F62 ATP measurement

F63 pH-value measurement

F64 Membrane filter test

F65 Allergen test

F85 Sanitizing with hydrogen peroxide

Sanitizing with peracetic acid

Food approved Cleaning station

Miscellaneous





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All cleaning stations, which are members of EFTCO related national associations use the standardized EFTCO Cleaning Document (ECD) for the documentation of cleaning.

The ECD is a document common accepted as a proof that the tank cleaning was carried out as the customer requested, at a high-quality level and in respect of all legal, safety and environmental requirements. The ECD contains important information for all partners in the supply chain and is understandable in different countries. This was achieved by introducing the EFTCO cleaning codes translated in 21 languages.

EFTCO is the owner of the EFTCO Cleaning Document (ECD) which stands for the quality and legality of the tank cleaning. The minimum requirement for access to the ECD is supervised by EFTCO's national associations.

#### The use of a uniform European document has important advantages for all parties involved:

- The document has the same form which can easily be distinguished from the falsifications.
- The use of a unique numbering system provides security and authentication traceable against fraudulent misuse of the cleaning documents.
- The fact that the same information is always in the same place on the cleaning document will facilitate its use by operators at loading points, by drivers etc.
- The use of the EFTCO Tank Cleaning Codes will make it easy for everybody to identify and understand which cleaning operations have been carried out to clean the tank.
- The EFTCO Tank Cleaning Codes are currently available in 21 European languages.

This provides a clear understanding of the cleaning document information for all users throughout Europe.



Future plans will make the ECD available in an electronical form and currently EFTCO is engage with their partners from Industry and ECTA to start the 2018 pilot for electronical ECD (EECD). After the pilot phase and during the European implementation, food industry will be invited to participate in digitalization.

It is the target to reduce industry complexity, allow better interoperability between industry and service partners, improve safety & process compliance and be able to decrease costs.

EFTCO with their 19 national associations covering 24 European countries is convinced that food safety and food defence needs a European approach. It is EFTCO's vision to improve food cleanings and the preparation of transport tanks for food. The feedback communication with the entire food industry is a continuous challenge for EFTCO, their national members and all associated cleaning stations.

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