

European Federation of

Tank Cleaning Organisations



EFTCO

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- Tank cleaning is an essential part of the supply chain
- EFTCO cleaning document for cleaning of chemicals, food and feed
- Service carried out by professional reliable partners
- EFTCO food assessment for food safety



EFTCOMail 1st Quarter 2021

Welcome to EFTCO

We will continue 2021 with the regular distribution of our EFTCOMail to provide the best available information for our members and business partner.

Corona gives a hard time for associations to manage communication with all of our members in a period with no possibility of personal meetings that EFTCO managed regularly until end of 2019.

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Munich Transport Logistic 2021

transport logistic 2021 cancelled—Online conference planned from May 4–6, 2021
transport logistic 2021 will not take place. The background to this is the numerous international travel restrictions, the lifting of which is not foreseeable until spring and which thwart the exhibitor's claim with regard to visitor participation. As a bridge to other events in the transport logistic network, an online conference will be realized from May 4 to 6, 2021. The next transport logistic as a physical trade fair will take place from May 9 to 12, 2023.

DVTI with EFTCO will not participate the Online conference, but we have postponed our registration to 2023.

2021 EFTCO Annual General Member Meeting

As we can not suppose to organize a meeting with personal attendance in the first half of 2021, we start preparing an online meeting in April 2021 after Easter holidays weeks 15 – 17. This meeting should be used to follow up with our association internal discussion and to provide updates.

We would like to avoid using this meeting for voting processes which are difficult in an online environment. Therefor we will use March`2021 to follow up our association voting processes as f.e. Member of the Board, Membership.

A financial statement and Budget overview will be provided timely.

The Board of EFTCO continuously schedules monthly conference calls and guarantees to provide all information to all members.

SQAS / CEFIC

Because of the persistency of the COVID pandemic, the SQAS T&A Committee decided again in week 05`2021 to extend the cut-off dates to nearly year end for remote assessments:

- 30 November 2021: limit for remote assessments
- 31 December 2021: limit for onsite assessments linked to remote assessments

BREXIT

The impact of Brexit is minor, as the permission for the usage of the EFTCO Cleaning Document in UK is still accepted by EFTCO and all partners. EFTCO's partner in UK (NRTCA) is continuously engage to supervise the correct use of ECDs issued by their members. The ECD's issued in UK are declared valid in EU and vice versa the European ECD's are accepted in UK Territory.

EFTCO is an association registered in UK. This may result in future difficulties with the cooperation with EU legislatives and accounting tax issues. EFTCO is again evaluating the possibility to relocate EFTCO out of the UK.



EFTCO Global membership application

EFTCO's global direction raises and the quality standards of the EFTCO brand developed to become a global standard for the world. In 2021 EFTCO expected to receive addition global membership applications for cleaning stations outside the EU and UK territory.

By adapting the EU/UK philosophies of quality standards, improvements and control to the stations outside this territory, the EFTCO philosophy continues to become a global focus within the chemical and food transport industry.

EFTCO Cleaning Document (ECD)

3.9 Mio ECDs in 2018, followed by 4.2 Mio in 2019 indicates an impressive increase of the total tank cleaning documented by using the ECD.

In 2020 the EFTCO Cleaning Document was modified to satisfy the requirements from the Industry and we have given the possibility to complete existing ECD's with a T01 inspection confirmation. By using a stamp with an additional signature or the possibility to use Box 11 with inspection details, the ECD prove the character as a document with no expiration date.

EFTCO continues their flexibility to tune the ECD to industry demands and follows the path of digitalization. → see electronic ECD.

ECLIC / electronic ECD

After ECLIC Board meeting in January where representatives of EFTCO participated, we would like to inform you about the current of the work of ECLIC and in particular the electronic ECD.

ECLIC exists now for 3 years and the entire board was re-elected for another 3 year with a small change that Bart Witdouck (EVONIK) has retired and will be replaced by Astrid Van Driessche (EVONIK).

Erwig Seliaerts was confirmed as Vice President of ECLIC which gives EFTCO with 2 additional members in the Board of ECLIC a very good presence.

ECLIC is involved to digitize the data exchange of paper-based logistics processes and is currently involved in the following projects:

- eECD = the electronic ECD was started as the first project (see report below)
- eECO = the Electronic Cleaning Order is ready for use and enables digital order transmission by the transport company to the tank cleaning stations. The given data can be used for the preparation of the eECD.
- ePPL = the Electronic Previous Product Load is a declaration made by the transport company when tanks are registered with the shipper for loading and do not have to be cleaned before load (Dedicated transportation)

There are other future projects that should be used to digitize communication between the parties involved, such as:

- eSDS = to provide an electronic safety data sheet
- eCMR = use of the data from the electronic transport document
- ETA API = information for the notification of the arrival time
- Equipment master data for registering equipment data at loading site, such as volume, tare, approvals, test data etc.

The implementation of the 1st project, the eECD, is a process that takes longer to implement and introduce than expected.

Nonetheless, chemical companies organized under the leadership of CEFIC are planning an introduction as part of digitization projects.

The following companies are currently actively involved in ECLIC:

BASF, EVONIK, INEOS, COVESTRO, SUMITONO, LANXESS, LYONDELLBASELL and under the leadership of CEFIC other companies (such as DOW) should be integrated.

Problems with the introduction of the eECD can be explained by the difficulties caused by the Corona situation.

But there are other hurdles that arise through a very slow willingness to change the established processes with a paper ECD in the day-to-day business.

Basically, the eECD has proven its functionality and everyone involved (loading, transport, tank cleaning) can change to digital communication with their partners involved.

All cleaning stations that are approved for the paper ECD, can be registered for an eECD at short notice and offer an eECD.

Partly the eECD has already been tested in pilot projects or is introduced into day-to-day business. The number of eECDs issued is increasing every month, but it is still not satisfactory. The switch to electronic ECD must be implemented much more consistently.

According to its own statements, BASF Antwerp/B is ready to accept an eECD for 100% of its loads, but transport companies only provide the eECD for 30% of the loads.

The transport company stated the reason for the continued use of paper ECDs, that the needed cleaning documentation format (paper ECD or eECD at the next loading point?) is unknown during the time of cleaning of the last load.

Another reason is certainly the unwillingness to give up the established ECD paper process and avoid organizational and administrative overtime when switching to an eECD.

EFTCO called on the industry to demand more consistent eECD's instead of paper ECD in the future, to meet their original desire for digitization.

This would also minimize the coordination problems of the transport companies, whether at the next loading point a paper ECD or eECD is required.

EFTCO and its members will assist the process change through a promised full flexibility of the cleaning documentation.

This includes also to issue an eECD, even if paper ECDs have already been printed.

This requires a flexibility and extra work (costs) from the cleaning stations, which for a limited transition period should be acceptable.

EFTCO already noted, that the shippers adhere to prefer the use of an eECD, but also request a need of faster implementation.

In addition, EFTCO supports ECLIC to implement the food and feed industries.

Conclusion:

We are not satisfied, but we still see the potential of digitizing the EFTCO CLEANING DOCUMENTS.

EFTCO supports ECLIC continuously, even if the implementation phase takes much longer than expected.

The organizational weak point cannot be solved by the cleaning stations alone, but we can support a further introduction through optimal cooperation.

However, this assumes that we are requested by the industry to issue an eECD.

Operation Clean Sweep'® (OCS)

Cefic joins forces with Plastics Europe and European Plastics Converters to control pellet loss across the supply chain while reducing audit duplication

With the aim of controlling pellet loss across the supply chain, Plastics Europe and the European Plastics Converters associations will jointly develop the certification scheme 'Operation Clean Sweep'® (OCS) and have enlisted the expertise of Cefic-managed SQAS system.

Unintentional loss of plastic pellets can occur at all stages along the value chain despite the application of the current standard environmental, safety and quality management controls. To tackle this, the OCS program was developed to help companies tackle pellet leakage by providing a series of key recommendations.

SQAS will provide expertise to help set up the OCS Europe Certification scheme. From 2022, SQAS assessed logistics service providers and distributors will be assessed with the new OCS requirements, and no further assessments will be required, avoiding audit duplication.

Over 2021, SQAS Technical & Accreditation Committee members will provide expertise to help set up the OCS Europe Certification scheme. At the same time the SQAS questionnaires of all modes will be modified accordingly with the aim of avoid audit duplication. As from 2022, SQAS assessed logistics service providers and distributors will be assessed with the new OCS requirements.

[Collaboration agreement on first ever European OCS certification scheme signed :: PlasticsEurope](#)

EFTCO signed as partner for the initiative Operation Clean Sweep® at PlasticsEurope.

Various cleaning stations are involved and can reduce granules loss during the process of tank cleaning. Plastic pellets are one of the biggest global pollution disasters.

It is EFTCO`s recommendation to all of our members and your associated cleaning stations, to sign up OCS.

What is next at EFTCO

The Post Corona Period will surely provide a different approach to behavior before Corona age and it will be the time for a review, but we also believe EFTCO should continue to follow our path:

- follow our principles as valid partner in the logistic
- continue to exchange information whenever possible with personal discussions and meetings `face to face`
- improve communication with digital communication possibilities
- protect and improve our worthiness of the EFTCO Cleaning Document and the EFTCO Codes
- finalize to publish updates for EFTCO Codes in 2021
- increase our forces
 - to implement the electronic ECD`s and digitalization
 - to improve Food Safety and relationship to food industry with the help of ANLIC at ANIA (Association Nationale des Industries Alimentaires)
- ensure to allocate best homeland location for EFTCO
- continue cooperation with all our existing and possible new partners
- manage our association with digital communication in 1st half-year of 2021
 - voting of the EFTCO Board
 - finalize, publish and approve financial status for fiscal year end 31.3.2021
 - discuss possible application for membership

All the best to our members and business friends

EFTCO Secretary