



CONTAINER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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1. New Materials Working Group publishes 3rd Revision to its Report on Alternative Flooring Materials

The COA's "New Materials" Working Group has published the 3rd revision of its "**Report on Alternative Materials for Container Flooring**". The new publication summarises developments since the WG's last report in June 2006, while also providing a detailed list of the current market for floor materials.

The report provides a list of alternative floor materials and suppliers, while also including tables comparing the alternative materials that are available. Members can download the report from the COA website (www.containerownersassociation.org)

2. ICHCA International's Publications now Available on COA Website

As reported last month, the COA has joined ICHCA International as a Corporate Licensed Member. COA Members can now benefit from a range of ICHCA International's technical services (detailed in the July 2007 newsletter).

Members can also download ICHCA International's:

- **Briefing Pamphlets** (a series of handy guides on various subjects relating to containers and cargo operations)
- **General Series** documents, including advice to shippers of packaged dangerous goods regarding compliance with the IMDG Code
- **Technical and Operational Advice Series**, including information on Vertical Tandem Lifting and Horizontal Lashings
- **Research Papers**

For further information, click on the "ICHCA International" and "ICHCA Publications" buttons in the Members Area of the COA website

3. COA Flexitank Working Group established

The COA organised a meeting of Container Shipping Lines, Flexitank Operators, Flexitank Manufacturers, Forwarders and Surveyors in Paris at the end of June. Following the meeting, the COA Board has approved the establishment of a COA Flexitank Working Group. Further information and the WG's Terms of Reference are available on the COA website.

4. COA Questionnaire

Many thanks to all those Members who have responded so far to the COA Questionnaire, which was sent out to Members at the end of July.

Full and Associate Members who have not yet responded are asked to complete and return the document before Friday 14 September. A copy of the Questionnaire can be downloaded from the COA website (www.containerownersassociation.org)

5. Impact of Trade Development on the Container Fleet Size

At the COA's 5th Members Meeting in Paris at the end of June, Capt Herbert Soanes, Vice-President, Research & Strategic Planning, DVB Bank nv, presented a paper entitled "Impact of Trade Development on Global Container Fleet Size".

A more detailed version of the Paper, including a wide range of statistical information and trends, is now available and can be downloaded by COA Members from the website.

6. COA Environmental Awareness Seminar: Dubai, 29/30 October 2007

Environmental awareness is becoming increasingly relevant to the container shipping and ports industry. A "COA Environmental Awareness" conference is being organised in Dubai on 29/30 October, focusing on issues relating to container shipping, ports and the environment. The scheduled format is as follows:

Monday 29th October

Full day conference covering Environmental Issues relating to container shipping, container industry, ports, logistics and inland transport

Tuesday 30th October

Technical site visits to the Dubai container port, shipyard and a container repair facility

At the end of the meeting, it is intended to draw up a resolution to develop a COA Environmental Policy, and an agreement of how to chart the way ahead for the industry. Further information from secretary@containerownersassociation.org

7. World Maritime University – "Seminar on Containerization"

The World Maritime University is organising a "Contemporary Issue Seminar on Containerization" in Malmö on 3-4 September 2007. The aim of the seminar is to look at the container as part of the supply chain and ask a number of questions from different perspectives of stakeholders involved in the maritime transportation chain.

For further information and registration, visit www.wmu.se/Conferences/ or email pd@wmu.se.

8. New Member

The COA is pleased to welcome the following new member to the Association:

- Scholle Packaging (www.scholle.com) – Designers and manufacturers of bulk packaging systems, including flexitanks and bag-in-box systems

9. Further Information

For further information about anything in this newsletter, or if you would like to contribute to the next issue (September 2007), contact Patrick Hicks – secretary@containerownersassociation.org