



# COA Flexitank Meeting

*Hilton Hotel, Rotterdam*

***Wednesday 18 November 2009***

**18:00 - 20:00 Welcome Cocktail Reception for all Participants**

*Venue: Rotterdam World Trade Center*

***Thursday 19 November 2009***

**08:30 Registration & Welcoming Refreshments**

**09:00 Session 1: Background to the Flexitank Code of Practice**

- How is the flexitank market developing?
- What is the value of the Code?
- Why is there a need for the Code
- Why is the COA taking responsibility for developing the Code?
- What are the drivers for the whole process?

*Presentations and viewpoints of:*

- *Shipping line industry*
- *Container port/container terminal*
- *Flexitank industry*

*Gerrit Uitbeijerse  
Manager, Centre Dry Cargo  
Maersk Line*

*Stef Capelle  
Environmental Manager  
ECT Rotterdam Container Terminal*

*Andrew Watson  
Director  
Braidco*

Discussion

**10:30 Session 2: Feedback on the Flexitank Code of Practice**

- What has been the feedback on the COA Code of Practice?
- Proposed amendments to the Code

*Patrick Hicks  
Convenor, COA Flexitank Management Implementation Group  
COA Secretariat*

Discussion

11:00            *Refreshment Break*

**11:30            Session 3: Rail impact testing of the Flexitank/Container Combination**

- Why is a rail impact test required?
- How is the testing carried out? (At TÜV SÜD Rail and at the AAR Facilities)
- What is the feedback?
- Proposed Project: Comparison of Flexitank Testing Facilities at TÜV Süd Rail, Görlitz, Germany and AAR/TTC, Pueblo, USA
- Role of the Classification Society in the testing process

*Burkhard Struebing  
Lloyd's Register  
Germany*

*Peter Hartwig  
TÜV SÜD Rail  
Görlitz, Germany*

Discussion

13:00            *Lunch*

**14:00            Session 4: Code of Practice Certification Procedure**

- How should flexitank materials be tested? What should be done at the flexitank factory?
- Container Selection Procedure

*Andrew Watson  
Director  
Braidco*

15:00            *Short refreshment break*

**15:15            Session 5: Safety and Liability**

- Safety precautions for flexitank transport on a ship
- Cargo insurance, Loss prevention & Liability
- ISO Standards
- Standardising the MSDS form

**Presentation - Flexitank Transport: Chance or Danger**

*Hans-Joachim Grasshoff  
Special Cargo Manager  
Hapag-Lloyd*

**16:15            Charting the Way Ahead**

- An open forum to discuss the implementation strategy for the Flexitank Code of Practice

17:00            Conference concludes

17:15            *Post-Conference Reception  
Venue: Hilton Hotel*