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1. 6th COA Members Meeting: Presentations available on COA website

Over 180 participants attended the 6th COA Members Meeting in Shanghai on 16 June 2008. The conference covered a range of topical issues relating to the container shipping business. There were also reports on the COA's Regional Branches (in Korea and Australasia) and on the COA's Working Group activities (Flexitanks, Flooring, Coatings and Refrigeration).

Members can download the presentations: click on www.containerownersassociation.org

The 7th COA Members Meeting is scheduled to take place in Munich on Monday 11 May 2009, the day prior to the opening of the Transport Logistic 2009 Exhibition.

2. COA endorses Common Interchange Criteria

As announced at the end of June, a major breakthrough for the container shipping industry has been achieved with an agreement by the Container Owners Association (representing container operators and lessors worldwide) to adopt an interchange inspection criteria for dry freight containers, designated the "Common Interchange Criteria" (CIC).

Further information can be found on www.containerownersassociation.org The CIC document will be published shortly. In the meantime, companies can view the differences between the CIC, IICL-5 and UCIRC criteria by downloading the document on the COA website.

3. COA Flexitank Meeting for Flexitank Manufacturers and Operators

The COA Flexitank Management Implementation Group (Working Group) is organising an Open Meeting for Flexitank Manufacturers and Operators on Friday 1 August 2008.

The purpose and provisional agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. To update all parties on the progress towards completion of the Industry Standard for Safe Flexitank Manufacturer and Operation; and to report on the presentation and discussions which took place at the 6th COA Members Meeting in Shanghai in June
2. To report on the information and participation of the Shipping Lines that is an integral component of this process
3. To explain the interim approval process and the time frame for the completion of the independently audited certification and approval process. Options for Classification Organisations
4. To agree on the formation of a discussion and advisory group of existing flexitank companies to assist the Co-Chairmen to make the Standards as inclusive and effective as possible representing the views and needs of the industry as a whole.

The meeting will take place at Crathorne Hall Hotel, Teesside, commencing at 09:30. For further information and to register, email kate@containerownersassociation.org

4. BIC 75th Anniversary Congress: Malta, 6 & 7 October 2008

To celebrate its 75th anniversary B.I.C. (Bureau International des Containers et du Transport Intermodal) is organizing a Congress in Malta on October 6 and 7, 2008.

The theme of the Conference will be “New Challenges to Trade” and will see high level experts addressing the attendance on issues related to Environment, Security, Investment and Infrastructures.

Attendance is free of charge, special rates has been negotiated for hotel and flights. For more information visit www.bic-code.org or mail to malta2008@bic-code.org

5. New Members

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

- **CAI International** (www.capps.com): One of the world's leading container leasing and management companies
- **Fullpak** (www.fullpak.com): Specialist provider of containerised bulk transport services
- **Hyundai P&C** (www.hdpnc.com): Manufacturer of paints for containers
- **KCC Chemical** (www.kccworld.com): Producer of container coatings
- **Rich-Link Logistics** (www.rich-link.net): Provider of forwarding and multimodal service, including logistics, storage management, customs declaration and insurance
- **Triton Container International** (www.tritoncontainer.com): A full-service global leasing company, with one of the largest container fleets in the world.
- **Victek** (www.victek.co.kr): Supplier of RFID tagging systems for asset management