



CONTAINER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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1. Container Inspection Criteria Training Courses...

The COA organised its first **Container Inspection Criteria** Training Course in March. As reported in the last Newsletter, the COA Course has been developed to explain to participants the different container interchange inspection standards that currently exist.

The 1-day Course comprises both classroom and container-based sessions, with plenty of time for participants to ask questions to improve their understanding of the container interchange inspection criteria. In addition to the Course Material, delegates participating in the Course will also be provided with Container Inspection Tools (Damage Scale and Reference Line).

A Full Report with photos of the March Training Course is available on the COA website – go to www.containerownersassociation.org.

To give potential participants an indication of the Training Course, a short film of the Antwerp Course has also been prepared. To view the video, click on: <http://youtu.be/zOfdmGy6Fgk>

Further details of COA Training Courses from: secretary@containerownersassociation.org

2. ...and Hamburg Training Course announced: Thursday 9 June

Following the successful trial course in March, the COA has announced that the next COA Container Inspection Criteria Training Course will take place at the HCCR Depot in Hamburg on Thursday 9 June 2011.

The Course will begin with a short introduction to the three interchange standards that presently exist: the Common Interchange Criteria (CIC), IICL 5 and UCIRC. It will then provide a technical review of CIC and UCIRC standards and measurements, followed by an explanation of the CIC & UCIRC “envelope” concept, together with a discussion on ISO criteria and how to properly measure components.

After lunch, there will be an outdoor “Field Session”, during which damaged containers will be inspected, permitting a practical explanation of the topics under discussion in the morning.

The Course will conclude with a question/answer session, enabling participants to clarify points that had been raised in the presentations during the day.

All participants will be provided with COA-branded inspection tools (Damage Scale and Reference Line). Further information on the Course, including Registration Details, will be published next week.

3. The 5th COA Flexitank Meeting: London 19 May 2011

Arrangements are now in place for the 5th COA Flexitank Meeting will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, London Docklands on Thursday 19 May 2011.

The final conference programme has been published and over 60 delegates have confirmed their participation. The latest participants list is on: www.containerownersassociation.org

Key themes of the Meeting include:

- COA Code of Practice: The User's Perspective - Viewpoint of a wine importer
- The benefits of the COA Flexitank COP to shipping Lines and the flexitank Industry
- Flexitank market growth
- Current status of Rail Impact Test and submission of COA Standard Test Report Forms
- Rail Impact Test Criteria: Status report
- Review of the recommended Materials Testing Procedure in the Code of Practice
- Code of Practice Review: Incident Management, Insurance and Responsibilities
- Controlling the Cargoes that are Shipped in Flexitanks: Ensuring that hazardous or unsuitable materials are not shipped in flexitanks
- Approaches in simulating Flexitank/Container interaction: The use of modelling to simulate flexitank/container impact tests
- Process to establish an ISO Standard for flexitanks carried in containers

All participants are invited to a networking Welcome Reception at the Crowne Plaza on Wednesday 18 May 2011.

The Conference Programme, Registration Form and Participants List are available to download from the COA Website (www.containerownersassociation.org)

4. Register now for the 8th COA General Meeting: 20/21 June 2011...

Delegates are now registering for the 8th COA General Meeting, taking place at the Jin Jiang Oriental Hotel, Shanghai Pudong on 20/21 June 2011. Companies planning to attend the meeting should confirm their participation as soon as possible.

Special room rates are available to participants staying at the Jin Jiang Oriental Hotel. Delegates wishing to benefit from these special room rates must make their booking before the Cut-Off Deadline of Friday 27 May 2011.

The latest participants list can be viewed on www.containerownersassociation.org

Conference Topics include:

- Economic outlook: Is the recovery sustainable?
- Global trends: What sectors are strong? What growth is sustainable?
- Focus on SE Asia trade development
- Impact of Widening of the Panama Canal on Container Shipping in Asia, North America and Europe
- Intermodal developments in China
- COA Projects (including: Container Inspection Training courses, Cargo Incident Notification System Project, COA/IICL Flooring project, Regional Branches)
- Container Manufacturing
- Container Depots: Time for Global Co-operation

An updated Conference Programme will be published next week

Other Event Activities

The Meeting will commence with a "Welcome to Shanghai" Reception for delegates on the evening of Sunday 19 June 2011 in the Jin Jiang Oriental Hotel. Additional activities include:

- Networking lunch and refreshment sessions throughout the 2-day conference
- An evening Boat Trip on the Huangpu River through Shanghai, including dinner
- Visit to two container factories near Shanghai (dry freight and reefer factories)
- Visit to the 3M decal Technology Center

The latest Conference Programme, Registration Form and Hotel Details can be downloaded from the COA website (www.containerownersassociation.org)

5. ...including Full-day COA Flexitank Seminar: Tuesday 21 June

For the first time in China, the COA will be organising a Full-day Flexitank Seminar. This Seminar will take place on Tuesday 21 June, and will cover a wide range of issues relating to flexitank testing and operation. The Seminar will be presented by Chris Thornton, COA Flexitank Manager, and Peter Hartwig, Flexitank Testing Specialist and Researcher at the Technical University of Dresden. The programme will be based on the materials presented at the COA Flexitank Meeting in London on Thursday 19 May 2011.

Any company involved in transporting and shipping flexitanks in containers, or in flexitank manufacture, operation and logistics should plan to attend this Seminar, as a wide range of important information will be covered. Further information from flexitanks@containerownersassociation.org

6. New Members

The COA is pleased to welcome the following New Members to the Association:

- **Baltic Shipping (www.baltic.com.pk)**
Provider of liner shipping and shipping agency services, head office in Pakistan
- **Cargo Bulk (www.cargobulk.com)**
Flexitank manufacturer and operator, based in Chile
- **Conglobal Industries (www.cgini.com)**
North American full-service supplier to the intermodal industry, providing depot services, equipment sales and transportation services
- **Heung-A Shipping (www.heung-a.co.kr)**
Korean ship operator, providing extensive intra-Asia container shipping line network, plus logistics, CY/CFS and warehousing service
- **KMTC Line (www.kmtc.co.kr)**
Korean marine transportation company, providing full liner service logistics services in Asia and the Middle East
- **Sinokor Merchant Marine (www.sinokor.co.kr)**
Korean shipping company, providing container liner services throughout Asia and the Middle East