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### **1. COA Flexitank Meeting: Rotterdam, Thursday 19 November 2009**

Containerised flexitank transport has increased significantly in the last few years. In order to ensure safe and efficient flexitank operations, the COA earlier this year published a recommended Code of Practice for the manufacture, testing and operation of flexitanks carried in shipping containers.

The Code, which will be formally adopted by the COA from 1 January 2010, lays out recommended procedures for flexitank manufacturing, testing and operations. Other important matters, such as container selection, insurance and training are also covered.

As part of its programme to introduce this globally-recognised Code, the COA is organising a 1-day COA Flexitank Meeting at the Hilton Hotel in Rotterdam on Thursday 19 November.

The aims of the meeting are to:

- Review and explain why there is a need for a Code of Practice
- Explain the Code and review comments and feedback since it was published in May 2009
- Explain the rail impact testing procedure for flexitank/container combinations and what companies must do to meet the Code of Practice
- Discuss safety and insurance issues
- Look at the implementation procedure, once the Code commences from 1 January 2010
- Provide a forum to ensure productive dialogue and consultation between all sectors of the industry

Over 50 delegates have so far registered for the Meeting; both COA Members and non-Members are welcome to participate. Further information, including Conference Programme, Registration Form and Participants List, are on the COA website. ([www.containerownersassociation.org](http://www.containerownersassociation.org))

### **2. Australasian Regional Branch Meeting: Sydney, Thursday 3 December 2009**

The COA's Australasian Regional Branch is organising its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at the Amora Hotel in Sydney on Thursday 3 December 2009.

The Conference will include presentations on a wide range of issues relating to international and regional container and intermodal transport. Presentations will cover the following themes:

Ports and Shipping; Road/Rail/Intermodal; Greening the Industry; Update on COA Activities; Common Interchange Criteria; Alternative (Eco-Friendly) Materials for Containers; Flexitank Code of Practice; Industry Issues

Delegates (both COA Members and non-Members) are warmly invited to register for the Conference. Further details, including the Event Brochure, Conference Programme and Registration Form, are available on the COA website. ([www.containerownersassociation.org](http://www.containerownersassociation.org))

### **3. Korean Regional Branch Meeting: Seoul, Friday 11 December 2009**

The COA's Korean Regional Branch will organise its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting in Seoul on Friday 11 December 2009.

Topics to be covered in the meeting will include: CSC Inspection Regulations, Flexitank Code of Practice, Common Interchange Criteria, Intelligent Containers, Equipment Interchange and new container technology.

Further information from [secretary@containerownersassociation.org](mailto:secretary@containerownersassociation.org) or from [bjchun@boxjoin.com](mailto:bjchun@boxjoin.com)

### **4. COA Report on Alternative Flooring Materials: 2009 Revision**

Members are reminded that the COA's "New Materials" Working Group has published the 2009 Revision of its "Report on Alternative Materials for Container Flooring". COA Members can download the Report and Comparison table from the COA website

The publication summarises developments since the WG's last report in August 2008, while also providing information on the current market for alternative floor materials. A comprehensive list of alternative floor materials and suppliers is published. In addition, the report also provides a comparison table of alternative materials.

- The COA is also now preparing a report on "Alternative Container Coatings", reviewing the range of environmentally-friendly products available, for publication later this year. Further information from: [secretary@containerownersassociation.org](mailto:secretary@containerownersassociation.org)

### **5. COA Flexitank Code of Practice: Two Videos Show why it is Needed**

Two videos vividly underline the forces that occur on containerships - and why shipping lines need to ensure that the flexitanks they carry pass impact testing criteria

To view the videos, go to the COA Website ([www.containerownersassociation.org](http://www.containerownersassociation.org)) and open the videos in the Flexitank box on the home page.

### **6. COA Flexitank Rail Impact Testing: Special Rates for COA Members**

Following the publication of the COA's Flexitank Code, a number of flexitank companies are now undertaking Rail Impact Tests for Flexitank/Container Combinations. This rail impact test is an essential part of the Code and must be witnessed by a COA-approved Classification Society.

The Rail Impact Test can be undertaken either at the Tüv Süd Rail testing facility in Görlitz, Germany; or at the AAR testing facility in Pueblo, Colorado, USA.

The COA has negotiated special rates for COA Members planning to undertake rail impact testing at the Tüv Süd facility in Görlitz. More from [secretary@containerownersassociation.org](mailto:secretary@containerownersassociation.org)

## **7. COA 2010 Members Meeting: Shanghai, Monday 7 June 2010**

The 7<sup>th</sup> COA Members Meeting will take place in Shanghai on Monday 7 June 2010.

The Meeting will take place the day before the 4<sup>th</sup> Transport Logistic China Exhibition ([www.transportlogistic-china.com](http://www.transportlogistic-china.com)), which is being held at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre from 8 – 10 June 2010.

Subject to requests from Members, the COA will once again be organising a Container Pavilion at the Exhibition. Further information from [secretary@containerownersassociation.org](mailto:secretary@containerownersassociation.org)

## **8. New Members**

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

- **Banjo** ([www.banjocorp.com](http://www.banjocorp.com))
- **CD Flexi-Valve** ([www.cd-flexivalve.com](http://www.cd-flexivalve.com))
- **Guangzhou Jointas Chemical** ([www.jointas.com.cn](http://www.jointas.com.cn))
- **K Tank** ([www.ktanksupply.com](http://www.ktanksupply.com))
- **Lanex** ([www.lanex.cz](http://www.lanex.cz))
- **Per Plus Logistics** ([www.perplus.nl](http://www.perplus.nl))
- **Western Tooling** ([www.westerntooling.co.uk](http://www.westerntooling.co.uk))