



EUROPEAN CHEMICAL
TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION



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Responsible supply chain partner

ECTA underlines the importance of a “responsible” chemical transport industry in the chemical supply chain and seeks recognition for its efforts as a partner “out of the gates” in the responsible care programme of the chemical industry.

The environmental and social impacts of transport and logistics of chemical goods in Europe are also addressed by ECTA. A lot of attention is paid to the role of the driver in ensuring excellent chemical transport. Long-term efforts of ECTA are dedicated to create the recognition chemical truck drivers deserve for their active and committed involvement. Direct consultation of the drivers provides the input and allows ECTA to pave new paths towards respect of the role of the chemical drivers in their daily work and towards improvements in productivity of both the transport and the chemical industry in their logistics interaction.

The association fosters solidarity between its members and organizes a mutual assistance scheme for emergencies in case of accidents involving tank transports. ECTA encourages its members to share the learning in the implementation of best practices in SHEQ matters which accelerates their introduction.

Under an EC Grant obtained from DG Tren, ECTA assists Cefic in the development and promotion of Best Practices to drive continuous improvement in the Safety Performance of road transport operators.



Chemical land transport



ECTA comprises more than 70 members in 14 countries.

ECTA members are companies that are active in the chemical transport industry. ECTA members organize the land transportation of chemical

goods irrespective of the transport mode used: road, rail, barge, short sea shipping, air. Membership includes road transport companies, commercial sections of rail transport companies, intermodal transport companies, barging and short sea shipping companies.

ECTA members control and influence the Safety, Health, Environment (SHE) and quality aspects of the transport that they organise and endeavour to implement the ECTA guidelines in these areas.

ECTA members are service providers to the chemical industry and are proactive towards their customers' needs and their stakeholders' interests.

European representation

ECTA provides the chemical transport and logistics providers with **an authoritative and independent voice at European level**. Within that scope it ensures that the industry's views are effectively communicated to key audiences, authorities and institutions within Europe at regional, national, international and European level.

ECTA elaborates in close cooperation with the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) guidelines on best practices in chemical logistics and invests in the European Safety and Quality Assessment System.

Targeted information exchange

ECTA informs its members as well as its key audiences, shippers, authorities and institutions regularly on its activities and on the evolution of transport and chemical logistics matters. ECTA deploys effective communication tools such as:

With nominated official representatives or targeted contacts in member-companies:

- member's only area on the website
- circulation of news flashes
- working group reports
- direct mail
- meetings and networking events: e.g. 'Leaders in Chemical Transport Round Table'

With customers and other organizations:

- public part of ECTA's website
- printed copies of guidelines, brochures
- seminars and conferences
- working groups



Best practices in chemical logistics

ECTA ensures the chemical transport industry with a consistent, unified approach matching the needs and expectations of the chemical industry and contributes to the continuous improvement of the standards of efficiency, safety, quality and the environmental impact of the chemical transport and logistics chain in Europe.

In joint working groups formed by representatives of transport service providers and producers of chemical goods, with – where appropriate – the participation of authorities and institutions, ECTA develops in an open and transparent manner “Best Practices” in transport and logistics of chemical goods in Europe. The Guidelines which are developed in the working groups are actively promoted through ECTA to the chemical transport sector and are freely available and downloadable on www.ecta.be.

ECTA invests in the improvement programmes of the SQAS packages and the management of the SQAS Tank Cleaning database for the chemical transport industry. Since the creation of ECTA in 1999, the chemical transport industry has already gone a long way in developing its own SHEQ management systems and pro-actively controlling and auditing their performance.

Functioning rules

The ECTA policy is decided by its Board of Directors. The Board consists of a maximum of fifteen members, elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years. They may stand for re-election at the end of the initial term of office. The Board membership reflects the composition of the ECTA membership base. The daily management, administration and the implementation of the ECTA policies and initiatives are managed by the appointed Secretary General.

Amongst the Board members a President, Vice-President and Treasurer are elected by the Board and approved by the General Assembly. They form the Executive Committee which assists the President and the Secretary General.

The General Assembly annually approves the ECTA accounts and budget and elects the ECTA Board Members from official representatives of ECTA's full members.

History

- At the end of October 1997, Europe's chemical hauliers formed the European Chemical Road Transport Association (ECRTA) during the 24th Logistics Meeting in Barcelona organised by EPCA, the European Petrochemical Association. The purpose was to provide a platform for representing their interests in discussions with both international regulatory bodies and major chemical producer associations. In addition to the carriage of chemicals by road, it was decided that ECRTA would rapidly provide strong support for the intermodal transport of such goods. Since then, the name has been changed to ECTA, European Chemical Transport Association, to reflect the fact that all modes of land transportation are represented.

- ECTA has been granted by Royal Decree of 11 February 1999 legal personality as an international non-profit organisation in accordance with Belgian law. ECTA maintains an independent course in representing its industry, but cherishes its strong links with EPCA as well as the financial and managerial support of EPCA to its activities. Two representatives of the EPCA Logistics Committee are appointed to the ECTA Board.

Criteria for membership

The Board of ECTA approves the membership applications.

FULL membership is open to all companies active in chemical transport. Full members may send participants to all the activities of the Association and are eligible to cast a single vote by their official representative on issues where a vote is required.

ASSOCIATE membership is open to companies or organisations who can, in the opinion of the Board, contribute to the realisations of the objectives of ECTA, such as international or national transport associations, manufacturers of transport equipment, storage companies and cleaning stations.



“Why become a Member?”

ECTA membership:

- Contributes to the recognition of the chemical transport industry and its business needs.
- Gives access to first hand information on what is happening and evolving in the transport and logistics of chemical goods in Europe.
- Allows participating in the pro-active development and application of “Best Practices” in the transport and logistics of chemical goods in Europe.
- Creates a unique networking opportunity in the sector.



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