



Improving Safety at the Ship – Shore Interface Important Progress in the Development of the International Safety Guide for Inland Navigation Tank-barges and Terminals (ISGINTT)

Participating Industry Associations:

CCNR	Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine
CEFIC	European Chemical Industry Council
EBU	European Barge Union
ESO	European Skippers Organization
ESPO	European Sea Ports Organisation
EUROPIA	European Petroleum Industry Association
FETSA	Federation of European Tank Storage Associations
OCIMF	Oil Companies International Marine Forum
SIGTTO	Society of International Gas Tanker and Terminal Operators.

ISGINTT, the project for the development of safety guidelines for the loading and unloading of inland navigation tank-barges has made important progress: the chapters on gaseous products and safety checklists will be completed this year. The project's Steering Committee, which met on 16 May 2008 in Duisburg, noted a growing interest in the project from regions including Asia and South America. The Steering Committee sees this as further evidence of **ISGINTT** becoming an innovative and valuable tool for improving safety in inland navigation.

The project was initiated in January 2006 by the **CCNR** and **OCIMF** and has involved all industry associations concerned with the transport of dangerous goods on European inland waterways. In 2007 **SIGTTO** joined the project. Experts of the participating associations have already drafted large parts of the safety guide. The final draft will be first reviewed by established working groups drawn from experts from participating associations.

The purpose of **ISGINTT** is to improve safe transport of dangerous goods at the interface of inland tank barges with other vessels or shore facilities (terminals). The safety guide will be compatible with international maritime guidance for sea going vessels (e.g. "International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (ISGOTT)", "Liquefied Gas Handling Principles on Ships and in Terminals"). The intention is not to replace or to amend current legal requirements, but to provide additional recommendations. **ISGINTT** is the result of best practices as recommended by the participating industry associations.

The safety guide will be recommended for implementation by the participating industry organisations with the necessary political support by the **CCNR**. The English version of the **ISGINTT** will be published next year. In order to ensure wide-spread use it is envisaged that the guide will be published in the working languages of the **CCNR**, ie Dutch, French and German as well as English.

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