

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF WASTE GENERATED AT SEA

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**In partnership with the Région Provence – Alpes - Côte d'Azur, the Port of Marseille-
Fos and the UN Secretariat of the Basel Convention**

Issue

The conference is driven by the need to respond swiftly to the current inadequacy of arrangements for managing wastes generated at sea. The conference will seek to illustrate and debate the extent of this problem, propose solutions and encourage partnerships to address the situation in different parts of the world.

Programme highlights

The conference will address the following themes:

- ◆ Current situation: gaps and challenges
- ◆ The environmentally sound management of residues generated on board ships
- ◆ Partnerships and cooperation: identifying assets and creating workable solutions

Key debates

Two workshops will be organised during the conference to consider the following issues :

- ◆ Certification of port reception facilities qualified to receive residues generated on board ships
- ◆ Traceability of residues generated on board ships from their reception at shore in port reception facilities to their recycling or final disposal on land

Attendance

The conference will be open to representatives from governments (transport and environment), intergovernmental organisations and conventions, industry and civil society. It will be held over a three-day period and will offer the possibility of a visit to the Port of Marseille-Fos.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Monday 24 November

Opening Session (13:30)

*Monsieur Michel Vauzelle, Président de la Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
Representative of the French Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development
Manager, Port of Marseille-Fos*

Ms Katharina Kummer-Peiry, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Basel Convention

Session I – Current situation: gaps and challenges (14:15)

International perspectives

Mr. Pierre Portas, President WE 2C

The adequacy of port reception facilities for residues generated on board ships, and of the arrangements for their proper and safe management on land, should be an important component of the global drive towards the environmentally sound management of waste. To what extent has this component been recognised, and what more remains to be done ?

Regulatory perspectives and experience

*Ms Louise de la Fayette, Visiting Professor, Maritime Institute, University of Greenwich
Capt. David A. Condino, OCS/MARPOL Manager, Safety Branch, Port and Facilities
Division, United States Coast Guards (to be confirmed)*

Is the regulatory framework covering the full life-cycle of oily residues and cargo residues generated on board ships complete? What more needs to be done to join up the maritime and land-based residues/waste management rules? How might best practice be identified and promulgated?

Maritime industry perspectives and experience

Mr. Tim Wilkins, Regional Manager Asia-Pacific, INTERTANKO

Many different types of industry and regulatory organisation are involved in this picture. In this session we shall hear from some of them, and consider how they might work together to improve the collection and management of residues generated on board ships.

Discussions (15:50)

Break (16:30 – 16:50)

Challenges faced by ports

Mr. Patrick Verhoeven, Secretary General, European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO)

Mr. Maurits Prinssen, Project Manager Strategy, Port Planning and Development, Port of Rotterdam, NL

To what extent is there a gap between the demand for reception of residues generated on board ships and collection facilities in ports ? What obstacles do port authorities face in handling these

residues. How might such problems be addressed?

Expectations, barriers and opportunities for maritime operators

Mr. Alfons Guinier, Secretary General, European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA)

Capt. Shaikh Rahim, Technical Advisor, Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) (to be confirmed)

To what extent is information about port reception facilities available to maritime operators (shipowners, charterers, traders) and how might it be improved to help them to be satisfied that the residues generated on board their ships will be collected in adequate port facilities and properly managed on land ? Would certification or tracking systems be of value?

Discussions (18:00)

Summary of the session

Tuesday 25 November

Session II – Drivers for change (09:15)

Experience in the implementation of the European Directive 2000/59/EC on port reception facilities

Dr. Henrik Ringbom, Head of Sector for Environmental Protection, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

Ms Laure Chapuis, Directorate General, Transport, European Commission (to be confirmed)

A discussion of the work done by the Member States of the European Union, the Commission and its Maritime Safety Agency to implement this law will provide an interesting picture of the situation of ports in Europe, their diversity, the difficulties experienced and options for improving port reception facilities.

Best practice for the collection and management of residues generated on board ships

Ms Magali Devèze, Manager Ship's waste/Residues, Port of Marseille-Fos

What tools would be needed to reduce uncertainty about the suitability of shore-based facilities for managing oily residues and cargo residues generated on board ships ? Is there a role for an international standard for collecting such residues that could be build into a certification system for ports? Are there other tools that might be developed?

Applying the principles of environmentally sound management to waste generated at sea

Mr. Merijn Hougee, North Sea Foundation

How might the principles of environmentally sound management (ESM) be applied to oily residues, cargo residues or garbage generated on board ships ? For instance, how do the principle of extended individual producer responsibility, the polluter pay principle or the precautionary principle apply to these materials ?

Cooperation and regional partnerships

Mr. Frédéric Hébert, Director, Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)

Representative of the Union for the Mediterranean (UPM) (to be confirmed)

Opportunities exist to demonstrate regional and partnership-based solutions. The Mediterranean Sea region will be discussed as a case study, and other possible pilot regions will be considered.

International cooperation to improve capacity to manage residues generated on board ships

Mr. Vincent Jugault, Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Basel Convention

Following on from experience of cooperation within a region, how might the lessons learned be extended to a global scheme ? The development of a technical assistance programme to assist Port States will be described.

Discussions (11:15)

Break (11:45 – 12:00)

Session III – Options for managing residues generated on board ships and the role of waste managers

Mr. Guido Van Meel, Secretary General, Euroshore international

Mr. Greg Vogt, Director General, International Solid Waste Association

Representative of VEOLIA (to be confirmed)

The large variations in ability and capacity between the various operators present a challenge in improving the management on land of residues generated on board ships.. How might overall standards be raised in the light of these challenges?

Discussion will focus on the roles of: legislation; standards; mechanisms for validation; reporting and monitoring of the quality of services provided; proper storage and transport; and measures for preventing and reducing pollution and contamination.

Summary of the session and introduction to the workshops

Lunch (13:30)

WORKSHOPS (14:45 – 17:45)

These two workshops will build on the foregoing sessions and discuss opportunities for developing tools that would assist the different stakeholders to address the challenges discussed at this conference in a context of an increased global maritime trade. Three complementary tools are proposed here for discussion: certification, standards and traceability.

Workshop 1: Certification and standards

Lead Speaker: *Mr. Koichi Yoshida, Director, International Cooperation Centre, National Maritime Research Institute, Japan*

Certification would provide shipowners, charterers, traders and ports with additional information to assist them to comply with international environmental regulations applied to shipping. One way forward would be to design and develop a certification scheme for reception facilities in ports collecting oily residues and cargo residues generated on board ships.

There would be a need to develop a level-playing field at the international level regarding the adequacy of port reception facilities and terminal to comply with MARPOL. For this

purpose one may consider the development of a standard, or standards, for port reception facilities and terminals handling MARPOL Annex I and/or Annex II residues. Such standard could help in the development of a unified source of reliable information at the international level about the capacity of port for handling MARPOL residues adequately. For this purpose the workshop might consider the development of a performance standard for port reception facilities and terminals handling MARPOL Annex I and/or Annex II residues.

Workshop 2: Traceability of waste

Lead Speaker: *Mr. Martin Clermont, President, Gedden (Environmental management information system), Canada*

The management of waste would be enhanced by better information on the way residues are handled once they are discharged or delivered at shore. This workshop will consider means to monitor or track the residues once they are received in ports and are sent for treatment, recycling or disposal on land.

Reception (19:30)

Wednesday 26 November

Report from the Workshops (09:30)

Discussion of proposals – Moving the agenda forward

Break (11:00 – 11:30)

Remarks

Mr. Lucien Chabason, President, Blue Plan

Close of the conference (12:30)

Visit to the Port of Marseille-Fos (14:00 – 18:00)