



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

24, 25, 26  
November 2008  
**Marseille, France**

### BACKGROUND

Oily residues arise from the routine operation of ships. Some residues are left over from cargoes transported on board ships. These residues have to be discharged or delivered to ports or terminals and managed on land.

Action over the past 30 years to prevent discharge at sea, in particular through the implementation of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78), has been successful but has not been matched by the provision and improvement of port based facilities for receiving these residues and the development of adequate infrastructure for their environmentally sound management on land.

### OBJECTIVES

This conference seeks to illustrate the problem, propose solutions and encourage partnerships to address the situation in different parts of the world.

The conference will address the following themes:

- > Current situation: gaps and challenges,
- > The environmentally sound management of oily residues and cargo residues generated on board ships,
- > Partnerships and cooperation: valuing assets and elaborating workable solutions,

Key debates will be handled through two workshops on 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.

### SCOPE

This conference is driven by the need to respond swiftly to the inadequacy of arrangements for managing oily residues and cargo residues generated at sea. The focus will be on elaborating workable solutions, ensuring that residues generated at sea are managed on land in an environmentally sound way, as all wastes should be, in order to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of waste.

### ATTENDANCE

The conference is open to representatives from:

- > Governments (transport and environment),
- > Intergovernmental organisations and conventions,
- > Industry and Business Leaders,
- > Civil society,
- > Academics.

### REGISTRATION

Registration is open until 24 October 2008.

### VENUE

The Conference will take place at:  
Hemicycle of the Region PACA  
27, place Jules Guesde  
Marseille (2°)

### ORGANISERS

This international conference is organised by WE 2C, In partnership with:

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

Under:

- > the High Patronage of the French Ministry for Ecology and Sustainable Development,
- > and the French Presidency of the European Union.

### WE 2C

WE 2C is a non-profit non-governmental organisation promoting concrete and sound solutions to pressing environmental challenges for the benefit of people. WE 2C acts as a catalyst. Its domain of expertise is the design and implementation of operational strategies aiming at improving the way we manage waste and reduce its generation in a context of increased consumption, industrial production and international trade.



## PROGRAMME

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### Monday, 24 November 2008

Opening (13:30)

Opening of session I (14:15)

Current situation: gaps and challenges

- > Current situation: gaps and challenges (14:00)
  - International perspectives
  - Regulatory perspectives and experience
  - Maritime industry perspectives and experience
- > Discussions (15:50)
  - Challenges faced by ports
  - Expectations, barriers and opportunities for maritime operators
- > Discussions (18:00)

Summary of the session

### Tuesday, 25 November 2008

Opening of session II (09:15) – Drivers for changes

- > The environmentally sound management of residues generated on board ships
  - Experience in the implementation of the European Directive 2000/59/EC on port reception facilities
  - Best practices for the collection and management of residues generated on board ships
  - Applying the principles of environmentally sound management to waste
  - Cooperation and regional partnerships
  - International cooperation to improve capacity to manage residues generated on board ships
- > Discussions (11:15)

Opening of session III (12:00) - Options for managing residues generated on board ships and the role of waste managers

- > Options for managing residues and the role of waste managers
- > Discussions
- > Summary of the session and introduction to the workshops

Lunch (13:30)

Workshops (14:45 – 17:45)

- > Workshop 1: Certification of and standard for port reception facilities
- > Workshop 2: Traceability of waste

Reception (19:30)

### Wednesday, 26 November 2008

Opening of session IV (09:30)

- > Report from the Workshops
- > Discussion on proposals - Moving the agenda forward
- > Remarks

Close of the conference (12:30)

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

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