

## NOTICE FOR COA OCEAN CARRIERS

### Flexitank Rail Impact Test – Extension of Expiry Date

The COA confirms an extension of the Flexitank Rail Impact Test 5-year validity period until 06.2023 for all existing rail impact test audits expiring between 11.2021 and 06.2023.

The extension is granted because the two Beijing China rail impact test facilities continue to face restricted working and a resultant back-log of test orders.

The working restrictions at the test facilities result from Governmental covid health protection procedures enacted throughout 2022. Although these procedures have been amended by a recent Government announcement, ongoing issues and the accumulation of pending tests requires time to programme the test orders through the system.

Note:

The COA Quality Conformance (CQC) scheme requires flexitank manufacturers and operators to undergo five independent quality audits including a rail impact test.

The rail impact test is valid for a period of 5-years providing there are no variations to the design and material beyond that accepted by the COA Code of Practice TG-07 Ref: PAS1008:2016

The CQC scheme was developed to form part of the Ocean Carriers flexitank risk assessment process. The CQC scheme is described in detail in the COA Code of Practice for Flexitank Container Systems TG-07.

### Flexitank Quality List (FQL)

Lists Flexitank manufacturers and operators that attained CQC status and details the audits undertaken, the independent auditor and the expiry date of the audit.

Verification of CQC status by company is by reference to the FQL

The FQL is available on the COA website: <http://www.containerownersassociation.com/coa-fqml/>

**TABLE 1 – Members that achieved the COA Quality Conformance (CQC)**

Company	Category	Location (HQ)	Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)	QUALITY AUDITS						
				Flexitank Design Ref. Type:	Container Type	ISO 9001 Quality Management System	Environment Management System	Installation & Training Manual	Flexitank Production Materials Test	Rail impact Test

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