



CONTAINER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

COA November 2020 Newsletter

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1. Register now for next COA Webinar

The COA is planning two further Members Webinars in the coming weeks.

Register now for COA Container Coatings Webinar: Thursday 3 December

The first of these Webinars will focus on the subject of “*Eco-friendly Container Coatings*”. It will comprise a panel of experts, who will respond to a series of questions and points raised by the Moderator and by Webinar Participants.

Practical Details:

- **Topic:** “Eco-Friendly Container Coatings”
- **Date:** Thursday 3 December 2020
- **Time:** 11:00 CET (10:00am UK, 6:00pm China)
- **Registration link (Zoom):** To register, click on this link – [COA COATINGS](#)

After you have registered, you will receive an automatic confirmation email, with a link. You will need the link to access the Webinar.

Coming Soon: COA Flexitank Webinar

The third in the series of COA Webinars will cover Flexitanks. Dates and practical details to be announced shortly.

2. Container Shipping Webinar – Recording available to view

Members are able to view a recording of the 1st COA flexitank which took place last month. The “*The COVID-19 mystery: how did container shipping get it right; where do we go from here?*”

Presented by **Tim Power, Managing Director, Drewry Shipping Consultants**, the topic of the Webinar was: “*The COVID-19 mystery: how did container shipping get it right; where do we go from here?*”.

To view the Webinar, click on this link: [DREWRY](#).

3. Reefer Container Frame Coatings

The IICL recently published a number of documents relating to the proposed discontinuation of hot zinc spray application on the frame of refrigerated containers - to be replaced by zinc primer coating systems.

The IICL notes in its document that it is "not currently aware of any suitable alternative that performs in anyway like zinc galvanizing (HZS), nor is it aware of any tests of alternative coating systems that produced even marginal acceptable results".

Responding to this proposed change, the IICL has undertaken physical surveys on some 500 reefers worldwide, with frames coated with hot zinc spray and zinc rich primer. These results have been published and are available to view on the COA website. It has also collected samples and performed laboratory tests to compare performances – also available on the website.

Feedback from COA Members on these proposed changes would be very valuable. Please send your comments to the COA Technical Secretary (technical@containerownersassociation.org)

4. Reefer Telematics Work Group

The COA Reefer Telematics Work Group is continuing to make progress on the development of a Unified Data Model (UDM) to provide a single, global definition of data related to reefer containers. A News Release has recently been published - click here to view it: [COA REEFER TELEMATICS UDM](#).

The benefit for the shipping industry is a standard for reefer data exchange formats, thereby removing barriers and making it easier for data "consumers" to build value added services for reefer container operations. The end product will be a definition of 'Reefer Data Classification Schema' for reefer containers, with the benefits to owners as follows

5. Flexitank COA Quality Compliance (CQC)

CQC has developed to become part of a Shipping lines risk assessment process COA flexitank members can demonstrate by independent quality audits that the manufactured flexitank is of the specified quality. COA provides an ease of reference list of CQC members on its web-site. Currently 31 members are displayed.

Additional Flexitank members that joined the scheme this month are Bertling FH and Qingdao SF <https://www.containerownersassociation.com/coa-fqml/>

6. Intermodal Asia 2021 – now taking place in July 2021

The Intermodal Asia 2021 exhibition will now take place from 20–22 July 2021 having been postponed from the originally scheduled 2021 due to continued uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 global travel and regional restrictions. Intermodal Asia is co-hosted by Informa Markets and the China Container Industries Association (CCIA). Further information here: [INTERMODAL ASIA 2021](#)

7. Intermodal Europe 2021 – Rotterdam, 26-28 October 2021

Intermodal Europe 2021 will take place at the RAI Convention Centre, Amsterdam, on 26-28 October 2021, with the COA's next European Members Meeting the day before - Monday 25 October 2021.

8. Intermodal Connect: Virtual Event in March 2021

The Intermodal Exhibition organisers are hosting a virtual event in March 2021, with the aim of providing a digital marketplace to showcase new products, connect with new and existing business partners, and share knowledge and best practice.

Intermodal Connect will be a digital event with enhanced matchmaking opportunities, video networking and high-quality educational content, taking place from 16-18 March 2021. To find out more, companies can register their interest here: [INTERMODAL CONNECT](#).

9. New member - PEOPLE Container

The COA recently welcomed a new member – “PEOPLE who has developed the patented “Container2.0”, a lightweight and smart container which it notes is “100% recyclable”.

The applied lightweight technology is tested to ISO standards, and allows for minimization of the amount of used material to achieve minimal weight and minimal material cost with no change in the manufacturers established standard process production line.

In addition to re-engineering of the steel components, the traditional wooden floor of GP dry-freight containers has been replaced by a 100% recyclable and lighter metallic floor.

The container design addresses the stakeholders’ goals to becoming greener, to respect environmental policies and trends and to upgrade reputation to sustain in the ecosystem.

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