INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
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Presentation by Cefic on its voluntary actions to enhance transport safety

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There is no doubt that Regulations are an essential element in ensuring that dangerous goods are transported safely. The chemical industry is convinced however that voluntary actions can also make a substantial contribution towards this same goal. In close co-operation with the other industrial actors in the field, Cefic has initiated since many years a vast range of programmes in the field of transport safety.

These involve

- the publication of several Best Practice guidelines on the use of transport equipment, on security, on stowage and securing, on behaviour based safety, etc;
- the implementation of an assessment system to improve the safety performance of transport companies (Safety & Quality Assessment System);
- the setting up of schemes to provide response in chemical transport emergencies: ERICards and response schemes such as TUIS, Transaid, Belintra, etc;
- the development of Transperanto, a tool to facilitate effective communication in different languages between drivers and site personnel.

More information can already be found on http://www.cefic.org/logistics.

In order to inform the Competent Authorities dealing with transport regulations about the current status, Cefic invites all delegations to attend a presentation, which will be held in the WP.15 meeting room <u>during the lunch break on Tuesday 6 November (from 13h 30 to 14h 30)</u>.