

GAS TANKER COMMITTEE UPDATES

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GTC OBJECTIVES

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Gas Tanker Committee's key objectives are to:

- Promote the **interests of Independent Gas Tanker** owners in all international Forums/Organisations.
- Promote **best practice and standards**.
- Provide Owners with **expertise on any gas specific** related matter.
- Introduce/link to the **Gas Tanker Owners to the whole range of services** INTERTANKO provides.



GTC Updates



BLENDING/COMMINGLING OF LPG CARGOES

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- During GTC#1 members **expressed their concerns** at the process of blending and co-mingling of LPG cargoes.
- The GTC committee undertook and completed the task to **develop these blending / commingling guidelines.**
- These Guidelines aims to assist members in **process of safely blending / commingling of LPG cargoes, always in compliance with SOLAS regulations VI/5-2.**
- Members can download a free copy.
- The Standard Club Asia's Director of Loss Prevention, had following comment :

"I downloaded your new guide and it is a very good publication. It will most certainly aid us as we have received several queries from our members regarding LPG blending,"



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REVISED IGC Code

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- Revised IGC code was implemented on **1st July 2016**
- INTERTANKO submitted **3 Unified interpretations** at the **third session of Carriage of Cargo and Container** subcommittee to address issues arising from Members experience with the revised (new) IGC code.
- These UI's were discussed in **CCC3 subcommittee and accepted.**
- MSC 97 session these three **Unified Interpretations were approved.**
- At GTC 3 it was decided to continue its efforts to clarify ambiguities in the revised IGC code. This will be accomplished by working with IACS and other industry bodies.



IGC Code Amendment to para 3.2.5.

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- MSC 97 adopted an amendment to the revised (new) **IGC Code relating to bridge window fire protection**. The amendment is on **Paragraph 3.2.5** and is as follows:

*"In paragraph 3.2.5, the words "Wheelhouse windows shall be **constructed to not less than "A-0" class** (for external fire load)." are deleted."*

- The Committee, recognising the urgent need to solve the problem, issued **Circular MSC.1/1549** informing the Member States of this amendment and asking for an early implementation and acceptance of this amendment.
- The Circular remain effective until **1 January 2020**.



SIRE VIQ and Q88

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- INTERTANKO GTC along with the Vetting committee actively participated in the **review process of the Q88 LNG and LPG Variants.**
- INTERTANKO through the committee tried to:
 - bring more **uniformity between Q88 and HVPQ** in order to facilitate ease of use and,
 - Address long standing issues like the removal of question **“Max Loading rate for homogenous cargo without vapour return”** which was not easy to answer.
- SIRE VIQ is currently under review and INTERTANKO is taking part in that review. GTC is specifically taking part in the review of Chapters 8 for LNG and LPG.



COMPRESSOR ROOMS

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- **As per IMO Assembly resolution A1050 (27), cargo compressor room is considered an **enclosed space and hence needs a permit for every entry.****
- Compressor rooms needs to be routinely entered by personnel for their routine and safety checks.
- Currently Working with OCIMF on review of SIRE VIQ and will work towards an **appropriate guidance notes.**



Class notation for SPM on LPG carrier

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- In GTC a issue was raised regarding SPM notation for LPG carrier.
- **Secretariat engaged with class** to discuss above issue.
- It was found that **certain Class do issue** “SPM notation for LPG carrier.”
- However SPM notation should be requested in **original building specification.**



GTC WORK PLAN

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- Continue to work on revised IGC code with IACS and other industry bodies.
- Review Gas From C.
- Develop Generic Guidelines for Lay up and recommission of Gas Carrier.
- Continue to work with Documentary Committee on various gas charter party issues effecting members.



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Thank you

