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DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY  
HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION  
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

**Sub-Committee of Experts on the  
Transport of Dangerous Goods**  
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**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Application by the  
International Council of Chemical Trade Associations (ICCTA)  
for consultative status with the Sub-Committee  
of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

**Note by the secretariat**

1. The secretariat reproduces below information received from the International Council of Chemical Trade Associations (ICCTA) requesting consultative status as a non-governmental organization for participation in the work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.
2. The Sub-Committee is invited to decide whether ICCTA may participate in its work with a consultative status.

## International Council of Chemical Trade Associations

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July 24, 2001

Dear Mr. Kervella:

Please allow this letter to serve as our application for non-governmental, observer status with the UN Committee of Experts on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods (UNCETDG). The International Council of Chemical Trade Associations (ICCTA) provides the chemical distribution industry an effective and distinctive voice on European issues and could assist the UNCETDG in its deliberations to create worldwide, harmonized hazardous materials regulations.

An estimated Euro 20 billion of European chemical industry sales are through chemical distributors, who are also actively engaged in various phases of import/export trade that contributes significantly to the total chemical industry's annual positive balance of trade. The industrial customers served by chemical distributors use these materials to produce pharmaceuticals, food products, water purifiers, computers, paint and coatings, automobile parts, rubber compounds, fiberglass, textiles, detergents, plastics, cosmetics and toiletries, perfumes and many other products. The distribution industry which is inextricably tied to the safe transportation of chemicals is one of the most important aspects of the chemical industry, yet it is not represented at UNCETDG. ICCTA believes it could make a unique and valuable contribution particularly based on the daily and extensive experience of its membership in the handling and transportation of dangerous goods by obtaining non-governmental status.

ICCTA was founded in 1991 as a forum of national associations of chemical distribution and trade worldwide. Membership may be granted to national associations, federations and regional groups representing chemical distribution and trade. ICCTA represents chemical distributors in more than 20 countries worldwide and its members are committed to safe and responsible handling of chemical products in all phases of the distribution process, including handling, storage, warehousing and transportation.

ICCTA coordinates the work of all chemical distribution and trade associations on issues and programmes of international interest and provides a forum to discuss significant policy issues. Because of ICCTA's global representation before international groups, ICCTA could bring UNCETDG a synchronized perspective on various hazardous materials safety issues affecting chemical distribution. A list of ICCTA members is attached for reference.

ICCTA cooperates with the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA), which is the council of trade associations representing chemical manufacturers worldwide and is currently a non-governmental UN observer. ICCTA and ICCA are currently establishing cooperation in a number of areas such as health, safety and the environment. Both councils promote and coordinate Responsible Care/Responsible Distribution and other voluntary chemical industry safety initiatives.

We believe that the geographic and distribution diversity represented within ICCTA will be a valuable asset to the UNCETDG and we look forward to working with you in the interest of improved safety worldwide. Please let us know if you need additional information regarding ICCTA's activities.

Sincerely,

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European Representative of ICCTA  
and President of FECC

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## ICCTA Membership

### *In Europe:*

Under the umbrella of the "Fédération Européenne du Commerce Chimique" (FECC):

- Associação de Grossistas de Productos Químicos a Farmacêuticos (Groquifar), Lisboa
- Asociación Española del Comercio Químico, Barcelona
- Associazione Italiana Commercio Chimico (AssICC), Milano
- Bundesgremium des Handels mit Drogen, Pharmazeutika, Farben, Lacken and Chemikalien, Wien
- Chambre Belge du Commerce Chimique / Belgische Kamer van Chemiehandel, Brussels
- Kemikaliebranchen, Copenhagen
- Irish Chemical Marketers Association (ICMA), Dublin
- Kjemikalieleverandorenes Forening, Oslo
- Plast-och Kemibranschern, Stockholm
- Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Chemische Industrie (SGCI), Zürich
- Svaz Chemického Průmyslu České Republiky, Praha
- Teknisen Kaupan Liitto, Helsinki
- The British Chemical Distributors and Traders Association (BCDTA), Croydon
- Union Française du Commerce Chimique (UFCC), Vincennes
- Verband des Deutschen Chemikalien- Groß- and Außenhandels eV (Verband Chemiehandel) (VCH), K]öln
- Verbond van Handelaren in Chemische Producten (VHCP), Den Haag

### *In North and South America*

- Canadian Association of Chemical Distributors (CACD), Oakville/ONTARIO/CANADA
- La Asociación Nacional de la Industria Química (ANIQ), Mexico /MEXICO
- Associação Brasileira Do Comércio de Produtos Químicos (Associquim), Sao Paulo /BRAZIL
- National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD), Arlington/VIRGINIA/USA

### *In Africa*

- Association Marocaine de l'Industrie Chimique (AMICHIM), Casablanca /  
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