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Other business

Request for consultative status by the Stainless Steel Container Association (SSCA)

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat has received the attached requested for consultative status from SSCA

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Stainless Steel Container Association (SSCA)
- Request for Consultative Status

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Dear Mr Kervella,

We are writing on behalf of the *Stainless Steel Container Association (SSCA)* to officially request consultative status with *United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods*.

This letter and accompanying materials provide information on SSCA for consideration by the Sub-Committee at the forty-third session scheduled for 24-28 June 2013.

SSCA is a non-registered international organisation; it is a non-profit organisation. The office is located in Düsseldorf (Germany). Membership is voluntary and limited to international manufacturers of metal IBCs. Currently SSCA is the only organisation which represents the interest of the manufacturers from the metal IBCs industry; other organisations currently accredited at UN represent the interests of Light Gauge Metal Packaging (*EMPAC*), Steel Drums (*ICDM*) and other kinds of IBC (*ICIBCA*).

The *Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods* is dealing from time to time with issues affecting SSCA member companies and changes of regulation could significantly impact member company operations. For this reason, SSCA considers it necessary and prudent to obtain consultative status with the *Transport of Dangerous Goods Sub-Committee*.

SSCA is currently proposing to revise the UN Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods with regard to the “minimum wall thickness” as required in chapter 6.5.5.1.6 (and table in chapter 6.5.2.2.1).

Please let us know if you require additional information. We would be glad to hear from.

Sincerely yours
STAINLESS STEEL CONTAINER ASSOCIATION
Managing Director

Jörg Höppner

Encl.

- Organisational status, governing bodies, members, geographical distribution
- Articles of the Association / Working Rules
- Press release on the founding of SSCA in July, 2010

Copy to Jens Gozian (UCON AG), chairman of SSCA

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Stainless Steel Container Association (SSCA)

Organisational status, governing bodies, members, geographical distribution

Organisational status

The Stainless Steel Container Association (SSCA) is a non-registered, non-profit, international Trade Association, representing manufacturers of Metal IBC. Its office is located in Düsseldorf (Germany) at the Verband Metallverpackungen e.V..

Membership is voluntary. All companies, which share the objectives of the association, can become a member of SSCA.

SSCA is the only Organisation which can speak on behalf of the international Metal-IBC Industry and represent its interests.

Governing bodies

Current Chairman is Jens Gozian (UCON AG / Germany);
current Vice-chairman is Christof Ermert (Schäfer Werke GmbH / Germany).

Members

The following companies are currently member of SSCA:

- Automationstechnik GmbH, Wiener Str. 83, 8665 Langenwang, AUSTRIA
- AZZINI S.p.A., Via Caduti sul Lavoro 2/4, 26020 Casalmorano (CR), ITALY
- Contek IBC-Service GmbH, Harzstr. 12, 99755 Ellrich, GERMANY
- Schäfer Werke GmbH, Pfannenbergr. 1, 57290 Neunkirchen, GERMANY
- UCON AG, Gustav-Rivinius Platz 2, 77756 Hausach, GERMANY

Geographical Distribution

The plants of our members are located in the following countries:
Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy.

Apart from that our members have representations in four continents and do business on a global scale.

According to our estimation SSCA members cover about 60 % of the world market for Metal-IBC.

Stainless Steel Container Association (SSCA)

Articles of the Association / Working Rules

1. Name, office, legal status

The name of the Organisation is

“Stainless Steel Container Association (SSCA)”.

The Organisation is based in Düsseldorf. It is a non-registered, non-profit Organisation.

The business year shall be the calendar year.

2. Objects

The objects of the Organisation shall be:

- 2.1. to promote the use of Metal-IBC
- 2.2. to act in the general interest of the international Metal-IBC industry.
- 2.3. to collect, disseminate and maintain statistics and other information concerning any matters affecting the international Metal IBC industry.
- 2.4. to exchange scientific, technical, economic, environmental and legal information.
- 2.5. to keep and improve contacts between the various branches of the metal packaging industry and the industrial packaging industry.
- 2.6. to establish official relationship with corresponding Organisations in other parts of the world.
- 2.7. to make representations on behalf of the international Metal-IBC industry.

All Organisation activities to achieve these objects and any agreement amongst members and between members and their suppliers or customers are only allowed under the condition that they are legally permissible.

3. Membership

- 3.1. Membership of the Organisation shall be open to all companies engaged in the production of Metal IBC.
- 3.2. Applications for membership shall be in writing (by letter, fax or email).
- 3.3. All members shall have the same rights and obligations.
- 3.4. Members are obliged to participate in the Organisation's statistics.
- 3.5. Members shall actively support the Organisation in its operation and refrain from any activity contrary to these Working Rules or which might jeopardize the achievement of the Organisation's objectives.
- 3.6. Members are obliged to pay the annual membership fee in form of a financial contribution.
- 3.7. Members may be expelled from the Organisation, if they contravene, with malice aforethought, the interests of the Organisation.
- 3.8. Membership ends
 - on the dissolution of the Organisation
 - on the dissolution of the member company
 - on the resignation of the member company
 - on expulsion of the member company by the General Assembly
 - if the member company has not met its financial obligation
- 3.9. Members may resign from the Organisation at the end of any calendar year provided they give six months notice in writing to the secretariat (by letter, fax or email). All obligations to the Organisation shall be met up to the effective date of such resignation. Any resigning member shall lose all its rights as a member of the Organisation as from the date of termination of membership.

4. Organisation

The affairs of the Organisation shall be conducted by the General Assembly, the Chairman and the Secretary General.

4.1. General Assembly

- 4.1.1. Each member may be represented in the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall be duly convened in writing (ordinary mail, fax, e-mail) subject to a term of at least 30 days. The General Assembly shall meet at least once a year. Extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly may be held at the request of at least one fifth of the members upon giving 30 days notice to the Secretariat and stating the nature of the business to be raised at such a meeting. The quorum for any meeting of the General Assembly shall be reached when the rules for its convention are fulfilled.
- 4.1.2 In case a member cannot attend the General Assembly, he can still vote by giving his position in writing to the SSCA Secretariat at least 48 hours before the meeting.
- 4.1.3. The power of the General Assembly is as follows:
- alteration of the articles of the Organisation
 - decisions on subscriptions and annual membership fees
 - approval of the general annual budget and the statement of account
 - approval of the activity programme
 - election of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman
 - approval of SSCA joining other Associations
 - exclusion or acceptance of members
 - designation of working committees
 - decision on the dissolution of the Organisation

4.2. Chairmanship

- 4.2.1. The SSCA Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected normally for two years with effect from the date of the General Assembly when elected with the possibility of reelection.
- 4.2.2. The Chairman or, in his absence the Vice-Chairman, shall chair the meeting of the General Assembly.

- 4.2.3 The Chairman shall be entrusted with the power of day-to-day management of the Organisation and such other powers as may be conferred upon it by the General Assembly
- 4.2.4 It will be allowed to delegate tasks related to the day-to-day management to special working groups of the Organisation or to the Secretary General.

4.3. Secretary General

- 4.3.1. The Secretary General shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Chairman. The General Assembly is also empowered to replace the Secretary General.
- 4.3.2. The Secretary General shall be responsible to the Chairman and shall ensure that proper records are kept of all Organisation meetings. The Secretary General can also be entrusted by the Chairman with the execution of certain tasks related to the day-to-day management of the Association such as
- systematic collection of all relevant data
 - co-ordination of member information and advice
 - Organisation and minuting of meetings
 - presentation of annual accounts
 - presentation of current budgets
- 4.3.3. Within the frame of the Organisation's budget the Secretary General has the power to oblige the Organisation against third parties. Obligations that exceed the budget frame, have to be coordinated with the Chairman.
- 4.3.4. This power is valid until revocation by the Chairman in accordance with the Vice-Chairman.

5. Voting

- 5.1 Each member shall have one vote.
- 5.2 Decisions in the General Assembly and in any working group are taken by an absolute majority of members present with the exceptions laid down in article 5.3.
- 5.3 Decisions of the General Assembly upon
- alterations of the Working Rules
 - applications of membership

- expulsion of a member company
 - dissolution of the Organisation or its merger with another Association
- may not be taken other than with a majority of at least two third of the members present.

6. Language

The records and official documents of the Organisation will be kept in English.

7. Dissolution

- 7.1. The proposal for dissolution or merger of the Organisation must appear on the General Assembly's agenda of which at least 90 days, notice must be given.
- 7.2. In the event of dissolution the General Assembly shall designate one or more delegates who shall be charged with the liquidation of the Organisation. The power of such delegates shall be determined by the General Assembly.

8. Salvation Clause

Even if one of the above-mentioned regulations of the Working Rules turns out to be illegal, all other regulations of the Working Rules remain valid.

9. Approval

The Working Rules were constituted and approved by the General Assembly on 16.10.2010 and came into force on 01.11.2010.

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Stainless Steel Container Association (SSCA)

Income / Expenditure 2012-2013

Income

Contributions Total	25.500,00	25.500,00
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Expenditure

Contributions to VMV	12.000,00	12.000,00
Conferences/Meeting costs	5.000,00	5.000,00
Travel Expenses	3.000,00	2.500,00
Website	1.000,00	1.000,00
PR Activities	3.500,00	3.000,00
Miscellaneous/Unpredictables	1.000,00	2.000,00

Expenditure Total	25.500,00	25.500,00
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Press release

Manufacturer of metal IBC organised within an association

Düsseldorf, July 26, 2010 – The leading European manufacturers of metal IBC have joint forces under the umbrella of the German Metal Packaging Association – Verband Metallverpackungen e.V. (VMV) – and founded the Stainless Steel Container Association (SSCA).

As a product-oriented working group within VMV the Stainless Steel Container Association will safeguard the interests of the manufacturers of Metal-IBC and accompany the IBC on its whole life-cycle from the manufacturing via the use and reuse to recycling.

Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBC) are used for transport and storage of liquid, pasty and powdery or granular goods. Metal-IBC (M-IBC) are applied in almost all branches of the chemical, pharmaceutical and cosmetics industry as well of the food and luxurious food industry and in retail and industry for the efficient stock turn. Normally they are manufactured from stainless steel. Stainless steel can be cleaned very easily and residue-free because the substances stored in the M-IBC cannot diffuse into the material. Therefore metal IBC can be used also as aseptic foodstuffs container. A special feature of M-IBC is that the approvals for the transport of dangerous goods are not limited as this is the case for other packagings for the transport of dangerous goods. By means of a periodical inspection – done within two and a half year – the approvals can be prolonged again and again. Furthermore it shall be emphasized that M-IBC in particular are predestined for the storage and transport of flammable products.

Founding members of the SSCA are *Automationstechnik GmbH*, Langenwang (Austria), *Azzini S.p.A.*, Soresina (Italy), *Contek IBC Service GmbH*, Ellrich (Germany), *Finncont Oy*, Virrat (Finland), *Schäfer Werke GmbH*, Neunkirchen (Germany) und *UCON AG*, Hausach (Germany).

Jens Gozian (*UCON AG*) was elected as chairman, Christof Ermert (*Schäfer Werke GmbH*) as vice-chairman.

Each company can become a member of SSCA that shares the aims of the association and supports it both financially and conceptually.

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55 companies with around 12.000 employees are belonging to Verband Metallverpackungen e. V. (VMV). These are manufacturers of metal packaging and closures for bottles and jars. Among others cans for food and luxury items, beverages and chemical-technical products are part of metal packagings as well as promotional cans, sheet metal drums, metal IBC and lug and crown closures. VMV supports its members in all professional, economic, environmental and technical issues as well as in public relations at national and European levels.

The members of VMV and the associated suppliers benefit in addition from the VMV promotion company Metal Packaging Promotion, Fördergemeinschaft Metallverpackungen (FGM), as well from its numerous services.

Furthermore VMV is integrated within the European network of associations and hence takes into account the growing globalised economical structures.

More information you could find at:

www.metallverpackungen.de

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