

Solvents Industry Association Newsletter Vol 1, Issue 2 2021

Welcome to our News update!



Welcome

Here we are - in the second quarter of the year and what a busy few months it has been! Our industry is still dealing with the impact of Brexit and the adjustments we are having to make on the way we do things.

As you will read in this News, the SIA has had a busy start to the year - we have of course had to wait for restrictions to start to be eased but are now pleased to announce that our September training course 'An Introduction to the Solvents Industry, to be held in person is fully booked! See later in this news for more details.



This month we will be sending out the member renewal invoices and are pleased to report that our membership continues in its upward trend and your support is greatly appreciated.

All the best

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Morgan".

Kevin Morgan, Chair of SIA

AGM 2021

Thursday 23rd September 2021 - Annual General Meeting and Dinner - Mottram Hall Hotel, Cheshire

It's going to be great to meet with our members again in person at the AGM and we are delighted to announce 2 confirmed speakers.



This year's AGM theme is 'Sustainability' and we have been lucky enough to secure **Paul Mahoney** who is a Health and Safety Motivational Speaker. Having been involved in an industry accident in 2000, Paul now travels the globe inspiring others in working for a safer today and tomorrow.

Paul won't talk stats or regulations to get his message across, he will though talk sport, films and food (the stuff we talk about every day). These subjects are mixed with the use of famous quotes and stories to inspire his audience to work safer and have them safety conversations with each other to get people to work safe and ultimately home safe in one piece.

Our second AGM speaker is **David Hughes** - David's credentials speak for themselves - he is an expert on the Middle East and he has held a range of senior executive positions with SABIC, Huntsman and ICI, where he led a range of global \$1bn+ businesses based in the Middle East, Europe and the USA. He also served on a number of industry bodies, including as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Petrochemicals Europe, the Asian Clean Fuels Association and the Methanol Institute.



Training

Our July training course, 'An Introduction to the Solvents Industry', has been put back to 29th September due to Covid restrictions. We recognise that demand for the courses is very high and we will be trying our best to catch up with demand over the next 12 months.

Watch out for further updates!

SIA Films

SIA Safety Films

The Solvents Industry Association has, in recent years, collaborated with the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) on a number of safety film productions.

All are available in English, Spanish, German, French and Italian language versions. Click on the links below to view the range of films on the web site:

[SIA Safety Films – Multi-lingual versions](#)

[Safe Loading and Transportation of Bulk Solvents by Road](#)

[Solvents and the Safe Use of Gloves](#)

[Solvents and Static Electricity](#)

[Solvents and IBCs](#)

[Safe Handling of Solvents](#)



In November 2020 the SIA launched:

'So You Think You Know About Solvents?'

This film was to highlight the essential applications of solvents in today's society. Why not take a look at all of the amazing uses of solvents that you never even knew about?

Solvents and Static Electricity

Stop Press!! Look out for a re-issue of this film which we are planning. At the moment restrictions do not allow filming to take place but we are hoping to start the update in the Autumn.

Member News

SIA member: 2M Group Wins Chemicals Northwest Operational Excellence Award 2021 and Manufacturing Company of the Year

Chemicals Northwest has chosen the 2M Group of Companies* as its Operational Excellence winner 2021 and Manufacturing Company of the Year.

When the pandemic struck, the 2M Group of Companies wanted to help frontline workers and our local communities. From idea to manufacture in 10 days, we started to make hand sanitiser, anchoring expertise from across many teams and sites across the 2M family.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, the 2M Group of Companies has donated over 20,000 bottles of hand sanitiser to nurses, ambulance crew, postal workers, food bank volunteers, teachers, and many more frontline workers.

Find out more here:

<https://www.2m-holdings.com/supporting-frontline-pandemic-workers-and-local-communities-awards/>

* (SIA Member, Banner Chemicals is part of the 2M Group of Companies)

Carbis Loadtec Joins SIA as an Associate Member

We are delighted to announce the addition of Carbis Loadtec Group Limited to our growing list of Associate Members.



Carbis Loadtec Group, based outside of Ashford Kent, specialises in bulk fluid transfer within the Chemical, Pharmaceutical and Beverage industries, focusing on road & rail tankers and IBC & Drum filling. This covers the whole operation from the loading arm, metering package to safe tanker access. Carbis Loadtec, formerly Loadtec Engineered Systems, was established originally in 1996 and has continually supplied innovative, high quality loading solutions, to clients around the world, who are looking to safely handle liquids at the only point where they leave the process plant and come into direct contact with the environment and operators.

Carbis Loadtec Managing Director, Alec Keeler said, "Membership of the SIA is important to a company such as ours. We welcome the opportunity to learn about other companies experiences and to discuss and discover how these liquids are handled, while minimising environmental impact and maximising safety. We look forward to participating and learning."

SIA General Secretary, Andrew Norman said, "We are delighted to have Carbis Loadtec on board. I am certain that they will be making a significant contribution to our Technical Committee to help to drive home the importance of safer working".

To find out more about Carbis Loadtec, visit their website at www.carbisloadtec.com



Webinar: Electrostatic charge and Discharge

On 25th March the SIA held an online event in collaboration with Elaflex to highlight the importance of hose and connection selection for certain applications.

Elaflex specialise in safe hose assemblies and connectors for safety critical applications and the objective of the presentation was to broaden awareness and technical knowledge about hoses. The safety aspects of transition hoses and hose assemblies is critical. The reliability of the assembly is therefore of special importance. Accidents have occurred through electrostatic discharge, the rupture of hoses or couplings that have simply blown off under pressure.

The webinar presenters were:

Anton Martiniussen, CEO, ELAFLEX LTD, Hoddessdon, UK

Holger Brandt, Key Account Manager Chemical Industry, ELAFLEX HIBY GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg, Germany.



The webinar covered a range of topics and there was time for questions and discussion:

Technical rubber hoses for liquid and gaseous chemicals

- Hose types
- Electrical requirements to the Standard EN12115
- What is it? What does it mean? How does it affect me?
- Hose Types: Ohm v M
- Safe dissipation of static
- Electrical continuity of hoses
- Testing and inspection
- Case Studies

Guidance Notes

The Technical Committee has been working very hard behind the scenes to bring our members 2 new Guidance Notes:

Guidance on Alcohol-Based Sanitisers

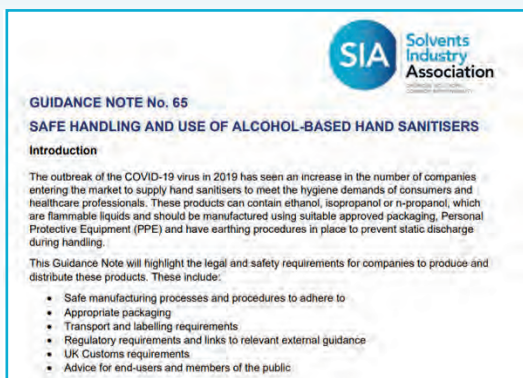
Guidance Note 65 - Safe Handling and Use of Alcohol-based Sanitisers



During the Covid-19 Pandemic of 2020-21, many countries saw a widespread increase in new entrants to the hygiene and sanitiser markets, some of which knew little of the Regulatory requirements of the handling, transportation, packaging and labelling of flammable liquids and, in many cases, the legislation surrounding dutiable ethanol.

This new Guidance Note attempts to assist companies in providing signposts to the appropriate legislation and guidance available, to prevent incident and potential injury from inappropriate handling.

The Guidance can be found via the link:
[SIA Guidance Notes](#)



Guidance Note 66 - UK REACH Summary Document

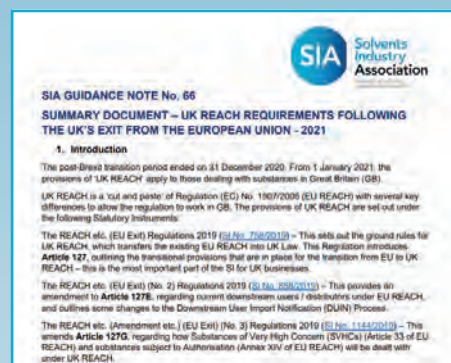
Following the UK's exit from the European Union on 1st January 2021, the UK Government has produced a wide range of documentation to support companies with the transition from EU REACH to UK REACH.



This new Guidance from the SIA attempts to collate into one document, the most relevant information for UK companies who may be affected by the changes.

Please use the link to view the new document

[SIA Guidance Notes](#)



Legislation Update

The National Chemical Emergency Centre

Emergency response | Regulatory compliance

The Dangerous Goods Emergency Action Codes (EAC) List 2021 is now available. The new list has again been produced by the NCEC, in co-operation with the UK Home Office and published by TSO.

The EAC List 2021 is effective immediately in connection with the use of ADR/RID 2021 Edition and is mandatory from 1 July 2021. The Emergency Action Code List 2019 should no longer be used from that date.

Duty holders are required to use the 2021 EAC List for the application of the appropriate EACs under Schedule 1 of the Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009 (CDG 2009) (as amended); and of the Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (CDG 2010) (as amended).

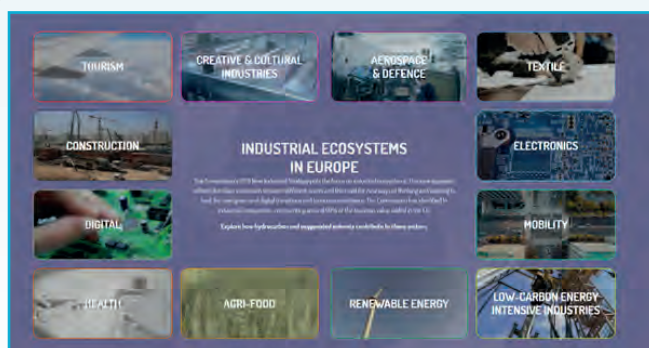
You can find a brief overview of updates and changes made to the latest version [here](#).

ESIG

Promoting solvents' role in sustainability

Since its creation 25 years ago, the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) has promoted the safe and sustainable use of oxygenated and hydrocarbon solvents in Europe. ESIG and the solvents industry help meet United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) relevant for our sector.

ESIG have produced a web-based platform which highlights the uses of solvents in our everyday lives.



For more information please visit www.esig.org

CHEMUK 2021

If you are looking ahead to September 2021 then get CHEMUK 2021 in your diary - 15 and 16 September 2021.

The SIA is planning to be there so please do come and visit us on our stand - we are number L34 - stop by and say hello! https://lnkd.in/dwR8_j6 #chemuk #solventsindustry

<https://www.chemicalukexpo.com/about/>

SIA Events Diary 2021

The SIA hosts a number of events in the calendar year for our members and guests and we have recently issued the 2021 Diary of Events. Find out what's going on in 2021!

<https://www.solvents.org.uk/sia-events-2021/>



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