



## **KPI Safety Information SaIN-no.2-April-2013** **(Intertanko guidance on Chemical tanker safety data sheets)**

A new paper has been completed on regulatory requirements and guidance regarding the provision of SDS outlining the key information that should be contained in safety data sheets for chemical tankers.

INTERTANKO, the International Parcel Tankers Association (IPTA), the Chemical Distribution Institute (CDI), the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) and the Dangerous Goods Advisory Council (DGAC) collaborated on the paper which brings together the regulatory requirements and guidance governing the provision of SDS.

The information paper is intended to serve as a single point of reference for seafarers, owners and shippers. SDSs are documents which convey hazard information to anyone who may be involved in the preparation, handling, use and/or carriage of substances of mixtures that may be hazardous.

Members of INTERTANKO's Chemical Tanker Committee and its Chemical Tanker Sub-Committee, highlighting the differing national and international regulations, had expressed a need for a document which brings together the different requirements that govern the need for SDS to be provided to the master of the ship.

"It is very good to see organisations from two vital parts of the supply chain - ship owners and shippers - come together in support of this document. It will provide seafarers with clarity and become an easy reference on the various requirements for the provision of, as well as on the contents of, Safety Data Sheets," said Captain Steve Hardy of Interorient Marine Services and Chairman of INTERTANKO's Chemical Tanker Committee.

The information is available to INTERTANKO members on the web-site.