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**OCEAN = Protecting the economic interests of
French Ship Suppliers**

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Part 1

What is OCEAN?

Why should SNAN work with OCEAN actively ?

What is OCEAN ?

- Was founded in 1976 as the “**O**rganisation de la **C**ommunauté **E**uropéenne des **A**vitailleurs de **N**avires (O.C.E.A.N.).
- It is the voice of the associations / companies in the ship supplying industry of Europe towards the European institutions and European governments.
- The member companies represented in OCEAN are present in all major European Member States with ports.
- OCEAN fosters deeper understanding of the particularities involved in ship supplying and provides pro-active, close-to-reality answers to matters that have an impact on the ship supplying industry in Europe.



What is OCEAN ?

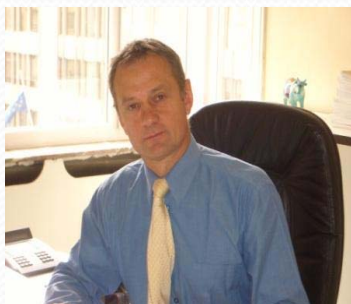
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Ship supply affected by European legislation

 Agriculture	 Economic and monetary affairs	 External trade	 Internal market
 Audiovisual and media	 Education, training, youth	 Fight against fraud	 Justice, freedom and security
 Budget	 Employment and social policy	 Food safety	 Maritime Affairs And Fisheries
 Competition	 Energy	 Foreign and security policy	 Public Health
 Consumers	 Enlargement	 Humanitarian aid	 Regional policy
 Culture	 Enterprise	 Human rights	 Research and innovation
 Customs	 Environment	 Information society	 Taxation
 Development	 External relations	 Institutional affairs	 Transport

How OCEAN works...

- French ship supply is concerned and affected at least by 14 out of 24 policy areas in which European legislation is formed.
- OCEAN specialises in three key areas:
 - Veterinary Affairs (Food Safety),
 - Taxation (Excise) and
 - Customs Affairs
- OCEAN has two dedicated Working Groups on these issues, which correspond via E-mail and meet regularly before the Board meetings.



OCEAN Board meetings *VITAL* for SNAN

- OCEAN Board meets twice a year – at least once a year in Brussels, Belgium
(next meeting: 16th April 2010, Brussels)
- Provides political direction of the OCEAN Secretariats & takes key decisions
- Meets with high-ranking officials & politicians from the EU:
 - EUROPEAN COMMISSION
 - MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT





Part 2

The role of France in shaping EU Legislation

Importance of France in Brussels

Influence of France in general

- Founding father of the EU
- One of the largest countries in the EU
- Many French EU officials in Brussels
- French official EU language + working language (!!)
- European Parliament is in Strasbourg
- French MEPs have a strong voice in the EU
- Strong, experienced Commissioner + important portfolio



France officials at meetings which OCEAN attends

- French are the drivers of policy
- Initiate ideas and follow up
- Engage in coalitions impossible to break (e.g. with Germany)



SNAN & OCEAN – today and in the future

- Participation at OCEAN Board meetings
- Participation at OCEAN Working Groups
- National lobbying activities

Lobbying in Brussels Why OCEAN needs to be a strong organisation

- 2,600 interest groups
 - 27 permanent representations to the EU
 - 200 offices of regional representations
 - more than 350 companies and banks
 - 150 consultancy offices
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- Press agencies outnumber Washington DC
 - 815 European and international organizations



OCEAN is just ONE of them!

- Today more than 2/3 of all national legislation has the origin in Europe!
- “Customs” legislation is decided at European level, not at national level!



Part 3

**How does European legislation affect
French Ship Supply companies?**

How does European legislation affect French Ship Supply companies?

Trade: Statistics

Articles 23 and 24 of Regulation (EC) No 1917/2000 [amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1949/2005] deal with goods delivered to vessels and aircrafts

Taxation: Excise goods

Article 23(5) Directive 92/12/EEC, OJ 1992 No L 76, p. 1;
As from 1st April 2010 Articles 11, 14 (2), 17a, 3 and 41
Of Directive 2008/118/EC

Taxation: VAT exception

A VAT exemption is granted for "vessels used for navigation on the high sea" [Article 148 a) Directive 2006/112/EC, OJ 2006 No L 347, p.1]

Food supply: Export refunds on agricultural products

Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/1999 of 15 April 1999 (Article 36)

Veterinary

Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries



How does European legislation affect French Ship Supply companies?

Customs - EXAMPLES

1. Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92
2. Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93
3. "Security Amendment" of the Customs Code - Regulation (EC) No 648/2005
4. Implementing Provisions (IPs) - Regulation No 1875 / 2006
5. Regulation (EC) No 312/2009
6. Regulation (EC) No 414/2009
7. A transitional period Regulation (EC) No 273/2009
8. Guidelines on export and exit in the context of Regulation (EC) No 648/2005
9. Regulation (EC) No 2030/2010 (to be adopted in March)

*In France, it's the e-customs system « **DELTA** » which is most affected by EU legislation !*



Future French Ship Supply in European legislation

- **1st April 2010:** Begin of the **Excise Movement and Control System (EMCS)** for movements of excise goods under suspension of excise duty.
- **1st January 2011:** Foreseen entry into force of **Regulation (EC) No 2030/2009** which harmonizes ship supply at EU level, adds more rights and simplifications to ship supply.
- **From 2013:** Entry into force of the “**Modernised Customs Code**” modifying:
 - Special procedures for ship supply
 - Customs status & transit
 - Export procedures
 - Customs debt & guarantees
 - Data requirements etc.
- OCEAN was part of the initial working groups & will attend the major work session foreseen next week (the whole week!)



CONCLUSION

How does OCEAN help SNAN members?

OCEAN:

- Scrutinizes emerging European legislative proposals
- Informs SNAN in advance
- Discusses proposals, if necessary, develops solutions closer to the reality of the ship supply industry.

OCEAN:

- Communicates the particularities of our Ship Supply trade to the EU
- Articulates problems and questions from the membership to the EU decision makers.

OCEAN:

- Attends vital meetings in relation to the subject fields
- Is pro-active
- Speaks with one voice on behalf of all its members – strength in numbers
- Organizes the joint European work of all its members

IF IT DID NOT ALREADY EXIST, IT WOULD NEED TO BE CREATED!!!

CONCLUSION

OCEAN & SNAN: Where do we go from here?

SNAN MEMBERS AFFECTED BY EU LAW

- High number of pieces of legislation affect French ship supply
- Not doing anything is not an option, OCEAN is the right platform to act
- If OCEAN does not decide, someone will decide for us
- SNAN should actively participate in OCEAN work, giving a French perspective and expertise.

SNAN MUST SHAPE OCEAN'S WORK

- OCEAN Board meetings are a vital opportunity to define our work vis-à-vis the European Institutions
- A great networking opportunity
- Meeting close to France – little participation costs

« We would like SNAN to be a driver in OCEAN, giving us expertise, letting us know the French way of doing things, being active. »

OCEAN President Stefan Ericson



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Not long now for a new era in OCEAN!

Best regards

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for your
attention***

