

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF  
WASTES GENERATED AT SEA**

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**Under the Haut Patronage of the Ministre d'Etat à l'Ecologie, au Développement et à l'Aménagement Durables, France**  
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Ship-generated wastes and cargo residues arise from the routine operation of ships, mostly through cleaning of tanks and some through on-board chemical processes or blending. These wastes have to be discharged in ports and managed on land. Action over the past 30 years to prevent discharge at sea has been successful but has not been matched by the provision and improvement of port based facilities for receiving these wastes and the development of adequate infrastructure for their sound management on land.

The conference seeks to illustrate this problem, propose solutions and encourage partnerships to address the situation in different parts of the world.

The conference is driven by the need to respond swiftly to the current inadequacy of arrangements for managing wastes generated at sea, so as to protect human health and the environment. This would include stimulating action to prevent the re-occurrence of incidents such as the Probo-Koala, in the face of increasing globalisation of trade and the complexity that it brings.

The conference will be open to representatives from Governments (transport and environment), intergovernmental organisations and conventions, industry and civil society. It will be held over a two day period and will offer the possibility for a visit of the Autonomous Port of Marseille.

Two workshops will be organised during the conference to consider the following issues :

Certification of ports qualified to receive wastes generated on board ships  
Traceability of wastes generated on board ships from their reception at shore in port facilities to their final disposal on land

WE 2C

*WE 2C is a non-governmental organisation established under the French law of 1901.*

*WE 2C elaborates strategic frameworks to stimulate, at the global level, the building of capacity for the minimisation and environmentally sound management of wastes.*

*WE 2C will bring multiple stakeholders together, whether public or private, to build partnerships to stimulate pro-active entrepreneurial leaderships around the core concept of environmentally sound management of wastes and to propose concrete solutions.*