

EFTCO FOOD ASSESSMENT SYSTEM - improved and updated!

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One of the aims of the creation of the EFTCO Food Assessment system was to establish an assessment system for information to the food industry.

EFTCO Food Assessment can be done within one day.

The EFTCO Food Assessment System involved in the redesign the received feedback of the food industry.

Linked with SQAS:

EFTCO FOOD ASSESSMENT shall be a supplementary part of the SQAS tank cleaning assessment, which provides a worthwhile support and a European solution to the SQAS assessments of the cleaning stations for foodstuff cleaning. The ***EFTCO FOOD ASSESSMENT*** should be added to SQAS Tank Cleaning Assessment for all cleaning stations engaged in cleaning food products.

Main changes:

Evaluation of the results:

EFTCO has decided to allow the food industry to evaluate the results of the EFTCO Food Assessment Report. In the past EFTCO set out Knock Out-criteria in the assessment, but as different food sectors have their own criteria, which may or may not mirror the KO criteria previously set by EFTCO, the decision as to the suitability of a tank cleaning station will now be left to the food industry.

Changes in the Questionnaire:

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New questions refer to the control of the effectiveness of the food safety management system, the effectiveness of disinfection, the removal of allergens, client-specific requirements and also outline the importance of food defence.

Changes in the use of the EFTCO Food Logo:

The EFTCO Food assessed logo proves the company has been assessed according to the EFTCO Food Questionnaire and is no longer a symbol that minimum criteria has been met. The design of the logo has therefore been changed.



The EFTCO Food assessment documentation does not include a rating, but contains all necessary information for the food industry and their transport logistics partner to arrange their rating based on their individual demand of food cleaning.

Finally EFTCO is proud to announce that the EFTCO Food training for SQAS assessors is accepted by the SQAS Technical and Accreditation Committee for the assessment of the food questions in the SQAS modules Transport Service and Tank Cleaning.

Downloads:

The text of the new *Questionnaire* (in English and German) and *the Terms for the use of the EFTCO Food Assessed logo* (in English) can be downloaded from the EFTCO website <http://www.eftco.org/downloads>

The completed *report* of an assessment can be *consulted online* by third parties *having access to the secured part of the EFTCO website* and after being granted access by the tank cleaning station. *Username and password* for access to the secured part of the website can *be requested online on* www.EFTCO.org.

Contact:

EFTCO can be contacted directly via secretary@eftco.org.

Who we are

EFTCO, the European Federation of Tank Cleaning Organisations, is a 'non-profit' association, which represents **510** tank cleaning depots, in **22** European countries. No similar federation is available in the Globe.

EFTCO works together with interested parties on matters of **Safety, Environment, Education** and **Technical improvements** to develop a better understanding and practice in tank cleaning and built cooperation with European Federations like the European Chemicals Council (**CEFIC**), the European Chemical Transport Association (**ECTA**), the International Tank Container Organisation (**ITCO**).

Tank Cleaning is an essential part of the supply chain, that's why is it important this service is carried out by professional and reliable partners. This is one of the main objectives of EFTCO and for which the European Cleaning Document (ECD) stands: the ECD, owned by EFTCO and used by the cleaning companies to **record** in a **multi lingual** format the services completed. The ECD has **unique numbering** to provide **traceable provenance** by EFTCO's Members of any legitimate ECD. The **EFTCO cleaning codes, have been translated to every language of the national associations.**



THE EFTCO FOOD ASSESSMENT PROCESS SYSTEM

