



Memorandum of Understanding
between
INDIAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL (ICC)
and
INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL TRADE ASSOCIATION (ICTA)

The Indian Chemical Council (ICC) and International Chemical Trade Association (ICTA),

Expressing the intention of aiding the chemical distribution industry in business activities and of encouraging the development of trade and investment between India and the rest of the world,

Noting that chemical manufacturing companies have a direct interest with the safe distribution of their products, especially when it concerns hazardous materials, because an incident elsewhere in the supply chain may have direct consequences for their own operations and indeed the chemical industry as a whole,

Noting further that ensuring safe and responsible distribution requires value chain responsibility in order to ensure that their products are distributed safely,

Acknowledging the existing Memoranda of Understanding between ICC and regional distributor associations Fecc (EU), NACD (USA) and Associquim Sincoqium (Brazil),

Intending to stimulate collaboration between ICC and ICTA toward the safe and secure management of chemicals globally, and in India in particular, which is essential for delivering their joint commitment to continuous improvement of environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) performance throughout chemical supply chains,

Stressing the importance of the development and implementation of global instruments for safe chemical management, including the UN Globally Harmonized System of Classification (GHS), the UN Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG), and the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata conventions,

Acknowledging the work undertaken so far by ICTA on Responsible Care and Responsible Distribution and by ICC on Responsible Care and the Nicer Globe initiative,

Expressing the intention to engage in mutual learning between ICC and ICTA and to concretize the ambitions stated in this document.

Recognizing the need to involve international chemical manufacturers, Indian chemical manufacturers, international chemical distributors, Indian chemical distributors and downstream users, international organizations and Indian governmental organizations,

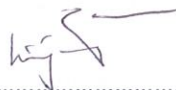
Agree to:

1. Drive continuous improvement in health, safety, product stewardship, security and environmental impacts of chemical products along the supply chain through the programs: Responsible Care® and Responsible Distribution®;
2. Coordinate positions on the international level on policies and regulations relevant for the global chemical (distribution) industry, and for India in particular;
3. Cooperate on representing the interests of the global chemical (distribution) industry, and of India in particular;
4. Exchange information about business and trade opportunities;
5. Render services and provide advice to the members of the two organizations;
6. Organize mutual events, workshops, trade missions, etc. wherever possible; and
7. Act in good faith to implement the terms of the Agreement but not to assume any legal or financial obligation in this regard.

Two copies to be held by each of the sides in witness hereof.

This agreement shall become effective upon having been signed by both parties.

Signed on in



Vijay Sankar
President
Indian Chemical Council



Edgar E. Nordmann
President
International Chemical Trade Association