



# Terms of Reference

Safety and Technical Committee (ISTEC)

1. **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

To promote and protect the interests of the INTERTANKO membership in relation to international, national and local legislation and regulation as it affects ship design, safe tanker operation and the protection of the environment. To this end the Committee will:

* 1. Promote safety at sea and protection of the Environment through communication and experience sharing.
	2. Foster co-operation with the International Maritime Organisation, the International Association of Classification Societies, the Oil Companies International Marine Forum, the International Chamber of Shipping and other recognised bodies involved with tanker safety and the protection of the environment.
	3. Represent INTERTANKO at IMO and other industry fora so as to ensure proper representation on appropriate committees and groups developing safety and environmental legislation and regulation.
	4. Advise on aspects of safety, environmental protection, operation of tankers and training to promote efficient and professional ship operation.
1. **MEMBERSHIP**
	1. The Committee is composed of a maximum of 25 members at any one time, including the Committee Chair and up to three Vice Chairs.
	2. The Chair, Vice Chairs and the other members of the Committee shall normally be elected for a period of two years and may serve for no more than three terms of two years each.
	3. Committee members are elected by the Committee and approved by the INTERTANKO Council. Elections and re-elections are held when the two-year tenure has been completed or when a Committee member steps down. Re-election is also necessary if a Committee member changes employment between Members / Member Groups.
	4. Membership of the Committee is based on the expertise/ qualification of the individual and position within the Member/ Member Group of companies. Committee members should have experience and expertise which will contribute to the aims and objectives of the Committee. The aim is to achieve overall diversity and a balance of representation by region, trade type and fleet. Membership on the Committee rests with the individual, not the company the individual works for. Re-election is required should the individual change companies. Any term served will count against the maximum tenure.
	5. The Committee Chair is elected by the Committee and approved by the Council. The term of office is two years, which may be extended for two further two-year periods. These periods are in addition to any time served as a Committee member.
	6. Up to three Vice Chairs may be elected by the Committee and approved by the Council. The Vice Chairs’ term of office is two years which may be extended for two further two-year periods. At any one time, one Vice Chair may also be elected or remain Vice Chair provided that he/ she may not hold office for a period of longer than eight consecutive years at a time. These periods are not in addition to any time served as a Committee member.
2. **MEETINGS**
	1. The Committee will typically meet at least twice a year.
	2. Committee members shall endeavour to attend all Committee meetings but in any event shall attend a minimum of one meeting per year. Members shall make every effort towards active contribution to the work of the Committee and actively participate in the discussions. Should a Committee member not be able to attend, the member is encouraged to submit written comments. Repeated non-attendance may result in a review of Committee membership. Committee members who have not attended nor engaged in at least 50% of meetings during any two-year tenure will not be proposed for re-election unless extenuating circumstances apply.
	3. The Chair may invite guests to the meetings, including to participate in working and/or correspondence groups that the Committee establishes from time to time.
	4. As required, specific Working Groups and/or Correspondence Groups may be established to deal with and promote particular issues from the Committee’s work.
	5. The travel expenses of the Committee’s members should be paid for by the Member company.
3. **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

Committee meetings shall be conducted in accordance with INTERTANKO’s Anti-Trust Guidelines.

1. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Terms of Reference of Committee and any revisions thereto shall be approved by the Council.

1. **SECRETARIAL WORK**

The INTERTANKO Secretariat will provide secretarial and administrative tasks for the Committee.

1. **REPORTING**

The Committee will report to INTERTANKO’s Council through its Chair, as required.

1. **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**
	1. The Committee through its Chairman and, when appropriate in consultation with the Executive Committee, will identify important issues arising within the industry and set up Working Groups as deemed appropriate.
	2. The Chairman of Working Groups (WG) should be responsible for the discussion and preparation of documents required by that WG and they should report periodically to the Committee/INTERTANKO office on any progress.
	3. The Committee should endeavour to obtain the best possible benefits from INTERTANKO’s observer status at IMO.
	4. Ensure that it is represented on working groups at IMO concerned with aspects of safety, environmental protection, operation of tankers and training.
	5. Serve as forum for the exchange of information and experience pertaining to safety, operation of tankers and training for INTERTANKO membership and/or relation with other industry bodies.
	6. Serve as a forum to examine and review international, national and local legislative proposals and activities affecting the membership.
	7. Initiate studies and research relating to the safe marine transportation of hydrocarbon and chemical substances.
	8. Prepare accurate and balanced documents and publications covering aspects of the Committee work for dissemination to the membership, industry and public with the consent of the Executive Committee.