



## Newsletter 5/ 2023

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### ISSA IN DUBAI – OCEAN BOARD ONLINE

Dear Colleagues,

We are gearing up for a busy autumn.

Carl and I are excited to meet all of you at the 2023 Conference and Gala Dinner in Dubai, hosted by ISSA, on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October. Additionally, some of you will attend the Executive Board and Assembly meetings, which are scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> October and will last two days. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Good luck to Jim and Rafael, the candidates for the ISSA Presidency. Read about their priorities for ISSA and global ship supply in this newsletter – both have answered our call for writing a blog entry.

The second week of November (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>) will see many OCEAN meetings as our two key Working Groups meet before the Board convenes on Thursday to conclude a busy week. All meetings are online, so we do expect your enthusiastic participation. Please find details in this newsletter.

Over the summer break, we have nonetheless been busy collecting your viewpoints and opinions. There are three very insightful blog entries for you to read and get updated on what our membership is up to. I want to congratulate Zihni Memisoglu and TURSSA for celebrating 20 years of the association—a notable achievement.

As is becoming a tradition, we have selected the **five top news** from Europe that we think ship suppliers should know about. The list is not exhaustive, but we believe these essential law updates, policy developments and "state of play" reports are critical for your members and yourself.

I wish you an exciting read and look forward to speaking to you.

Grazie,

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## What's New In OCEAN

### ISSA 2023 Conference and Gala Dinner



Dubai will host the 2023 ISSA Conference and Gala Dinner on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October. Before the event, the Executive Board and Assembly meetings will occur for two days, commencing on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

During the Monday Assembly meeting, all National Associations are expected to attend and cast their votes for the new ISSA President and Executive Board members. For more information, please reach out to the Secretariat ([secretariat@shipsupply.org](mailto:secretariat@shipsupply.org)).

This is the first opportunity for in-person voting since 2019, and we encourage all ISSA members to attend for valuable business networking with industry owners/managers and buyers. The event will feature an industry conference in the mornings of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, followed by 'Meet the Customer' events in the afternoons.

The festivities will culminate in a spectacular Gala Dinner on 25<sup>th</sup> October. **To book and to find out more,** <https://shipsupply.org/dubai-65/>

- **Jim Costalos: What I want to achieve for the International Ship Suppliers & Services Association (ISSA) as President**  
In this blog entry, Mr. Jim Costalos, Candidate for President at next month's ISSA Presidency Election, discusses what he wants to achieve for ISSA. [Read here](#)
- **Mr. Rafael Fernández: What I want to achieve for the International Ship Suppliers & Services Association (ISSA) as President**  
In this blog entry, Mr. Rafael Fernández, Candidate for President at next month's ISSA Presidency Election, discusses his goals for ISSA. [Read here](#).

### OCEAN Board Meeting – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

On 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the OCEAN Board will hold a virtual meeting. The OCEAN leadership will reflect on 2023 and make critical decisions for 2024. In addition to the traditional report from the Secretary General, anticipate activity reports from Customs, Excise, VAT, Veterinary Affairs, and Sustainability and a report from the treasurer.

We plan to provide a status report on the agenda.50.

We will also question OCEAN's role in the EU's Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The second essential topic is the impact of the EU Commission's proposal to reform the EU Union Customs Code. What is the effect on EU ship suppliers? It will be an important meeting, and all Board members, regardless of location, can attend without incurring travel expenses. Please inform the Secretariat of your attendance at [secretariat@shipsupply.eu](mailto:secretariat@shipsupply.eu).  
The Zoom link to the meeting is [here](#)

### **35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CEVVT OCEAN Working Group**

Virtually, 9 am – 1 pm CET, Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023: [Link](#)

Virtually, 1 pm – 4 pm CET, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023: [Link](#)

The next CEVVT working group meeting will occur over two days.

The group will discuss CUSTOMS - New EU Customs Union Reform – what action for ship supply, including a presentation from DG TAXUD. We will talk about EXCISE and the latest developments in this field. There will be an update on the Sanctions Package Against Russia and anti-circumvention measures.

The VETERINARY changes in the UK, and an update on VAT and other matters are discussed. If you wish to join, please e-mail [customs@shipsupply.eu](mailto:customs@shipsupply.eu).

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Sustainability**

Virtually, 10 am – 1 pm CET, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023: [Link](#)

The next meeting of the Sustainability Working Group will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023, just before the OCEAN Board meeting. It will discuss important topics such as the deforestation law, the EU's carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM), the EU Plastic Tax, Green ISSA, environmental initiatives and the quality symbol. It will include an update on outreach to IMTA and ISSA and an exchange with James Slattery, ISSA Quality Manager focused on Green ISSA (TBC). If you wish to join, please e-mail [customs@shipsupply.eu](mailto:customs@shipsupply.eu).

### **NEW BLOG ENTRY: New leadership for new challenges**

In this blog entry, the recently elected Chair of OCEAN, Mr. Costantino Zavoianni, shares his impression of the first months in the post and comments on the future challenges affronting EU ship supply. [Read the blog entry](#).

### **NEW BLOG ENTRY: French Ship Suppliers Are In The Heart Of OCEAN**

The President of SNAN explains why OCEAN matters to French ship suppliers.

<https://www.shipsupply.eu/news/lokal/184/French-Ship-Suppliers-Are-In-the-Heart-Of-OCEAN.html>

### **NEW BLOG ENTRY: Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - TURSSA!**

TURSSA celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a strong focus on sustainability awareness.

2023 is a particular year for TURSSA due to its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Turkish Ship Suppliers Association (TURSSA) represents the ship supply industry of Turkey and was founded on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2003. TURSSA has a longstanding partnership with ISSA and OCEAN, and serves as a connection between its national members and the global ship supply community. In this blog entry, the President of TURSSA, Zihni Memisoglu, reflects. [Link](#).

## Top 5 Updates from Europe that Ship Supply Companies Should Know About

### 1. EU Customs Union Reform - OCEAN participated in the Seminar.

OCEAN participated in a **Seminar on the EU Customs Reform Proposals** on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023, at the WCO headquarters. It was organised by the Trade Contact Group (TCG) members, and OCEAN supported this initiative from the beginning.

The objective of the meeting was to examine the reform proposal of the Union Customs Code. This is a fundamental package of proposals to take customs to the 'next level.'

Since the publication of the UCC Reform proposals last May, the CEVVT OCEAN Working Group has been examining the details and considering the potential for ship supply. Commercial operations. We have had an extraordinary meeting on the matter and have discussed internally throughout the summer the impact of this new law on ship supply.

OCEAN's goal is to present to the Working Group a first draft paper on our position on the new law for ship supply and work with the group to advance it during the 7 and 8 November meeting. An EU Commission official will present the proposals to the group.

Find out more about the reform proposals:

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_23\\_2643](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_2643)

### 2. CBAM enters into operation

The EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is our landmark tool to put a fair price on the carbon emitted during the production of carbon-intensive goods entering the EU and to encourage cleaner industrial production in non-EU countries.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023, the CBAM entered into application in its transitional phase, with the first reporting period for importers ending 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

Ship suppliers should not be significantly affected. However, those involved in importing or supporting an import of the raw materials should be aware of reporting requirements.

Find out more: [https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism\\_en](https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism_en).

### 3. FuelEU maritime initiative: Council adopts new law to decarbonise the maritime sector

More renewable and low-carbon fuels will reduce the carbon footprint of the maritime sector in the EU following the adoption of a new Regulation by the Council on the so-called 'FuelEU maritime' initiative.

The main objective of the FuelEU maritime initiative is to increase the demand for and consistent use of renewable and low-carbon fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the shipping sector while ensuring the smooth operation of maritime traffic and avoiding distortions in the internal market.

The new legislation aims to put maritime transport on the trajectory of the EU's climate targets for 2030 and 2050. It should play a fundamental role in delivering on the European climate law.

The new rules will apply from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, apart from articles 8 and 9, which will apply from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

Find out more:

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/07/25/fueleu-maritime-initiative-council-adopts-new-law-to-decarbonise-the-maritime-sector/>

#### **4. State of the European Union**

In her State of the Union address on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen outlined the main priorities and flagship initiatives for the year to come, building on the European Union's successes and achievements of the past years.

Find out more: [https://state-of-the-union.ec.europa.eu/index\\_en](https://state-of-the-union.ec.europa.eu/index_en).

#### **5. European Elections 2024**

Every five years, EU citizens choose who represents them in the European Parliament, the directly elected institution that defends their interests in the EU decision-making process. The next European elections will take place in 2024. The elections occur every five years and are the most significant transnational elections in the world. By voting in the European elections, people in the EU can choose the 705 members representing them in the European Parliament until 2029. Following the elections, Parliament votes to elect the new head of the European Commission, the EU's executive body, and to approve the entire team of commissioners. Find out more at <https://elections.europa.eu/en/> and [https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/package/european-elections-2024\\_23001](https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/package/european-elections-2024_23001).

## How To Read Articles in Your Language

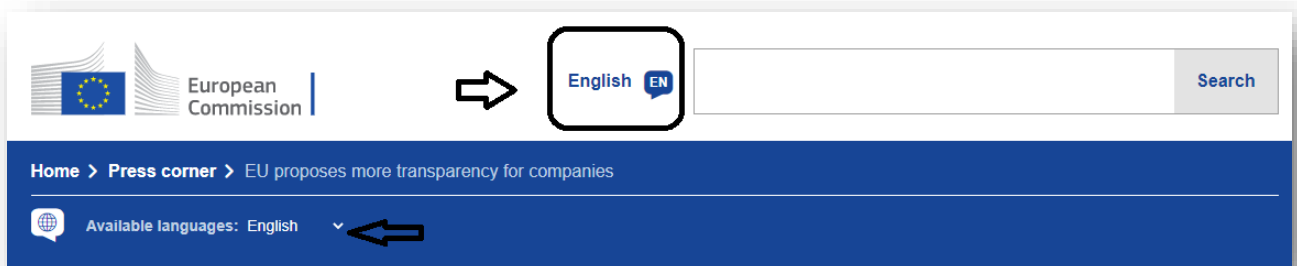
To read information about articles in your language.

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2. Click on the link to the EU Commission news item.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the European Commission website. On the left is the European Commission logo. In the center, there is a language selection menu with a right-pointing arrow icon and a box containing 'English EN'. To the right of the menu is a search bar with a 'Search' button. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Press corner > EU proposes more transparency for companies'. At the bottom left of the navigation bar, there is a globe icon and the text 'Available languages: English' with a downward-pointing arrow icon.

In this accessible and straightforward way, you can read the information about this article in your own language.



## Connect to the OCEAN website

The OCEAN Board meeting unveiled a new OCEAN website at [www.shipsupply.eu](http://www.shipsupply.eu)

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We ask that all OCEAN members check that they can access the internal part of the OCEAN website through the member's login in the bottom right corner.

If you have lost your password, please click on "Forgotten Password".

Also, if you need to register a new account, please use "Registration For Members".

If you experience any challenges, please let the OCEAN Secretariat ([info@shipsupply.eu](mailto:info@shipsupply.eu)) know.