

Akzo Nobel joins clean shipping network

The chemical company Akzo Nobel is the first Dutch company that will use the Clean Shipping Index during procurement of shipping services. From Thursday November the 11th, cargo owners in Europe can look into, and compare environmental performance data of shipping companies when using the Clean Shipping Index.

Already 24 Swedish cargo owners, Volvo, H&M and Ericsson among others, are currently using the Index when choosing freight carriers. Akzo Nobel is now the first Dutch company signing up to the network and, according to the positive responses of a number of other companies, it is expected that more will follow soon.

- It is very promising that leading companies in Europe now increase the demand for clean ships, says Merijn Hougee from the North Sea Foundation, an independent environmental NGO.

-As shipping is an international business, legal regulation is too slow to adequately address the environmental problems associated with shipping, and it is positive that the maritime industry chooses self-regulation instead, says Ulf Duus co-founder of the Clean Shipping Project.

Cooperation in Europe

In the Clean Shipping Index companies can choose the best shipping companies when it comes to environmental performance. Access to the data is given when the cargo owners join the clean shipping network. Last week the developers of the Clean Shipping Index, Ulf Duus and Jan Ahlbom organized the European launch of the Index together with the North Sea Foundation in Rotterdam.

The Clean Shipping Index, which has developed in Sweden, is an online tool for cargo owners to help them choosing environmentally sound sea transport. The index covers the major emissions from ships such as CO₂, NO_x, SO_x and also pollution of the sea by waste, on board use of heavy chemicals in antifouling, lubricants, refrigerants and cleaning agents.

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