Training Providers

Criteria for Admission to SIGTTO Associate Membership

Society of International Gas Tanker & Terminal Operators Ltd

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SIGTTO considers it advantageous to allow training establishments/providers to become associate members of the Society. This will add value, due to the competencies and experience they bring into the Society, and will also encourage the more rapid dissemination of SIGTTO's guidelines and standards within training courses.

Minimum criteria will be established, which must be complied with prior to the granting of associate membership. These criteria aim to ensure that the Society's best practices and standards are incorporated into the training programmes provided by training providers that are granted associate membership.

The criteria, to be verified prior to admitting a training provider into associate membership, are as follows:

1. **Training of liquefied gas vessel sea staff and/ or terminal staff.**

    The training provider will need to provide evidence that it offers courses to sea staff serving onboard liquefied gas tankers and/ or liquefied gas terminal staff. This training will need to be specific to liquefied gases and not, for example, navigation-related only.

2. **Training on an industry wide basis**

    The training provider will need to provide evidence that the training provided is offered to the industry as a whole and not just to a single operator or group of operators.

3. **Accreditation**

    The training provider will need to provide evidence that it has been accredited by, at least, one IACS affiliated Classification Society.

4. **SIGTTO suggested competency training standards**

    The training provider will need to provide evidence that the SIGTTO suggested competency training standards are used as core course content when training sea staff for LNG and/or LPG vessels. SIGTTO publications guidance and best practice should be referenced and referred to throughout the training.

5. **Compliance with SIGTTO competency assurance requirements**

    The training provider will need to provide evidence that the SIGTTO Competency Assurance requirements (2014) are complied with for LNG training (not applicable to LPG).

6. **Commitment to quality and best practice**

    The training provider will need to provide evidence that their organisation adheres to quality standards and ongoing quality monitoring frameworks, promotes best practice and minimum standards as dictated by SIGTTO and encourages and promotes membership of SIGTTO.

Evidence of the above six criteria should be submitted when the application form for associate membership is put forward by the prospective associate member.