

Organisation Brief – Singapore Chemical Industry Council Limited

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1. Overview of Organisation

The Singapore Chemical Industry Council, or SCIC, is the official body representing the Chemical Industry of Singapore in the private sector. Its membership composition of 128 companies comprises key MNCs, SMEs, Logistics Service Providers and Traders.

SCIC was officially formed under the umbrella of the former Singapore Manufacturers Association on 8th May 1979 by a group of 17 manufacturers. It was incorporated as an independent entity on 28 June 2007.

2. Mission Statement

The Singapore Chemical Industry Council is committed to playing its part in providing the people of Singapore with a quality of life that is second to none.

3. Organisation Objectives

The objectives of SCIC shall be:

- To be the national representative of the Singapore Chemical Industry
- To promote the chemical industry into a major pillar of Singapore's economy for the benefit of its members
- To be a partner in progress with the Government of Singapore in its effort to enhance growth for the chemical industry for investors, safety in the workplace for the workers and an environmentally friendly Singapore for all the residents

- To be the main channel of communication between the industry, government agencies and international organisations
- To be the national body to promote the spirit, principles and practice of Responsible Care
- To represent the chemical industry domestically, regionally and internationally with the aim of enhancing trade and attracting foreign investments into Singapore for the continued growth and prosperity of its people
- To encourage members to adopt and maintain a high standard of business conduct and ethics
- To associate and co-operate with other organisations in sharing mutual interests

4. SCIC Organisational Structure

The SCIC organisational structure comprises the following:

- Board of Directors
- Secretariat Office
- Industry Sub-Committees

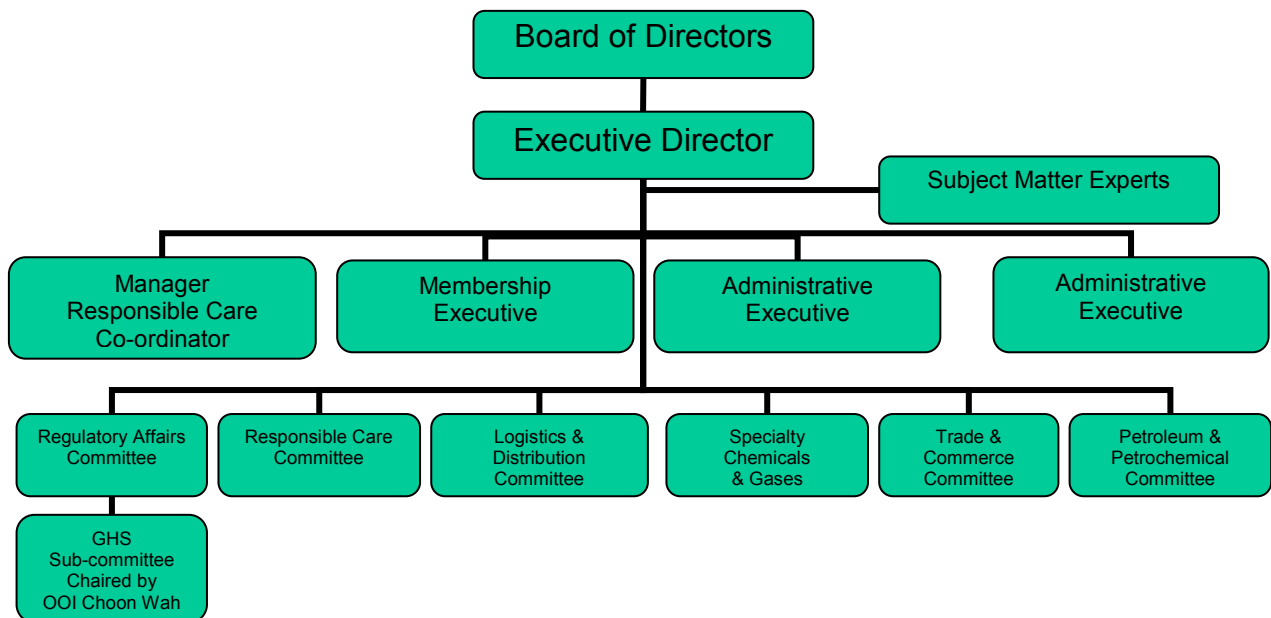


Figure 1 – SCIC Organisational Structure

4.1 SCIC Board of Directors

The SCIC board comprises a total of 11 senior executives from the chemical industry. It is represented both by representatives from MNCs as well as SMEs to ensure a balanced point of view for all issues and concerns pertaining to the industry.

The following table provides the details on the composition of the SCIC board.

Designation	Name	Company
Chairman	Dr A CHOCKALINGAM	Shell Eastern Petroleum
Vice-Chairman	Mr Lawrence CHEUNG	Dow Chemical Pacific (Singapore)
Director, Finance & Membership	Mr GOH Koon Eng	Chevron Oronite
Director, International Affairs	Mr Shamsheer ZAMAN	Linkers (Far East)
Director, Logistics & Distribution	Mr Andrew LIM	Pride-Chem Industries
Director, Petroleum & Petrochemicals	Mr L R S MANI	Eastman Chemical Singapore
Director, Regulatory Affairs	Mr Tetsu WAKABAYASHI	Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore
Director, Responsible Care	Mr Brian RAINS	INVISTA (Singapore)
Director, Specialty Chemicals & Gases	Mr TAN Guan Joo	Singapore Oxygen Air Liquide
Director, Trade and Commerce	Mr BAY Yew Chuan	Store+Deliver+Logistics
Director, Resource Development	Mr Derk Jan HARTGERINK	ExxonMobil Chemical Operations

Table 1 – SCIC Board Composition

4.2 SCIC Secretariat Office

The SCIC secretariat office is a full-time secretariat that manages the daily operations of the council. It is the main co-ordinating body between the board, the sub-committees and external parties.

The following table provides details of the secretariat office composition.

Designation	Name
Executive Director	Mr Terence KOH
Manager / Responsible Care Co-ordinator	Mr OOI Tiat Jin
Membership Executive	Mr TEO Kah Boon
Administrative Executive	Ms Debbie QUAN
Administrative Executive	Ms Agmer LEE

Table 2 – SCIC Secretariat Office Composition

4.3 Industry Sub-Committees

SCIC is supported by six sub-committees that oversee various aspects and sub-sectors of the chemical industry. Each sub-committee comprises volunteer members from the industry and is chaired by a member of the board.

The six sub-committees are as follows:

- a. Responsible Care Sub-Committee – represents SCIC in promoting the adoption and practice of Responsible Care to the chemical industry. It also provides a network and platform for companies to share experiences and good practices. Ultimately, Responsible Care will help companies to improve on their health, safety and environmental performances and meet world-class standards.
- b. Regulatory Affairs Sub-Committee – represents SCIC on all regulatory related matters. The committee monitors and updates members on the regulatory environment in Singapore and the Asia Pacific region. It also monitors emerging global regulations to assess their impact on the local industry.
- c. Logistics & Distribution Sub-Committee – represents SCIC as the channel providing quality information on warehousing storage/terminalling, transportation (land, sea & air), laboratory & technical support services (waste disposal) and best logistic practices.

- d. Specialty Chemicals & Gases Sub-Committee – represents SCIC to address issues and concerns pertaining to this sub-sector of the chemical industry. It also seeks opportunities to collaborate with similar organisations in the sharing of good practices.
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- f. Trade & Commerce Sub-Committee – represents SCIC in all trade related matters, fostering closer relationships with international chemical agencies and all relevant government agencies. The committee is also the platform presenting the industry's position on trade issues to the appropriate stakeholders, channelling relevant information to its members, and to provide the necessary feedback from its members.

5. SCIC Accomplishments

A major re-structuring exercise was undertaken by the former Executive Committee of SCIC leading to 2004. The key objective was to ensure that SCIC as an industry association would be best positioned to meet the needs of a growing chemical industry.

The process was completed with the setting up of the full time secretariat office on 15 October 2004. As the industry continued its growth, the board also reviewed and decided on the need for SCIC to evolve. Drawing upon the structures of chemical associations around the world, a decision was made for SCIC to register itself as an independent entity.

The association was successfully incorporated as an independent entity, Singapore Chemical Industry Council Limited, on 28 June 2007.

The following underlines the various accomplishments that the new SCIC office has achieved from 2004 to 2007.

Government

SCIC has firmly established its position as the key association representing the Singapore chemical industry. Over the past two years the association has forged close working partnerships with agencies such as EDB, NEA, MOM, MPA, SCDF and JTC. We have also established new links with agencies like IE Singapore and the Singapore Customs.

Dialogue sessions with the various agencies have served to disseminate information on new developments and solicit feedback from the industry before new legislation is put in place.

The industry, through SCIC, has been very active in participating in the various activities under the Standards Council of SPRING Singapore. Industry has provided valuable input in the drafting of Singapore Standards and Codes of Practices.

In 2007, SCIC further collaborated with SPRING Singapore on various projects related to the EU REACH regulation. Examples include providing industry feedback on the recently published EU REACH guidebook for SMEs.

SCIC has also assisted member companies to expedite their licensing applications and as a result, shorten the time for approvals to be given.

Industry

The association has introduced a number of new courses and seminars over the past two years to complement its existing programmes for the industry. These new initiatives have received positive feedback from the participants and are as follows:

- Training Course on the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code
- Training Course on the United Nations Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNTDG)
- Risk Assessment Awareness Seminar and Training Workshops for the Chemical Industry
- Awareness Seminar on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
- Training Course on GHS for Chemical Users
- Training Course on GHS for Chemical Classifiers
- Awareness Seminar on Free Trade Agreements
- SCIC Conference on the EU Regulation for the Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH)
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Another initiative of SCIC was the development of a series of guidebooks aimed at providing guidance to the workforce and to build a more robust operational foundation for the chemical industry in Singapore.

The following guidebooks have been completed to date:

- Guidebook on Transport and Handling of Dangerous Goods
- Guidebook on Warehousing and Storage of Hazardous Materials and Dangerous Goods
- Guidebook on Pandemic Influenza Contingency Planning (Online Edition)

A guidebook on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) is currently being developed. Over the course of the next few years, SCIC will continue to develop more guidebooks for the industry.

SCIC has also collaborated with other industry associations in Singapore, notably with the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI), the Singapore International Chamber of Commerce (SICC), the Packaging Council of Singapore (PCS) and the Singapore Plastics Industries Association (SPIA) on the proposal to form a National 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Committee. This committee would seek to raise awareness about industry best practices, educate the public on the importance of resource conservation as well as develop continuous and sustainable programmes to fulfill the National 3R Vision and Mission.

One of the key focuses of the association through the past year has been reaching out to the SMEs within the chemical industry and encouraging their participation in SCIC. A successful initiative that was introduced was the CEO Breakfast Sessions. These sessions, which brought together SME CEOs and SCIC board members, brought about good feedback and exchange of ideas. A number of companies subsequently joined as members.

Public

SCIC, in partnership with its members, has increased its efforts to create greater awareness of the chemical industry through its outreach programme. In 2006, the association visited more than a dozen educational institutions, including secondary schools, junior colleges, ITE, polytechnics and the universities.

Visits to the manufacturing facilities in Jurong Island were also organised which gave students a better overview of the operations of the chemical industry.

Through the outreach programmes SCIC, with the assistance of the industry and JTC, has been able to reach out to more than 10,000 students.

6. Plans and Initiatives Moving Forward

Government

SCIC will enhance our existing partnerships with the relevant authorities. We will be pro-active in providing industry inputs to improve the business and regulatory environment for the chemical industry.

Some initiatives will include:

- Organising dialogue sessions with those agencies that SCIC has recently established links with. Through these sessions, SCIC hopes to create better synergy between industry members and the agencies

- Explore areas of collaboration where mutual objectives can be met, e.g. outreach programmes to increase awareness of workplace health and safety, on environmental issues etc

Industry

In the light of the Singapore Chemical Industry's expansion and robust growth, SCIC will be addressing Sustainable Development and climate change issues. We will also focus on continuous improvement in environment, health, safety and security performance. Dedicated efforts will be put forth to build capacity on GHS and EU REACH compliance.

Some of these will be achieved through programmes that SCIC will organise, which include:

- Cross-Industries GHS Awareness Seminars and Training Courses
- Specific Training Courses such as the ISO Tank Course, IMDG Course, UNTDG Course, Risk Assessment Workshop etc
- Responsible Care related programmes such as Induction Briefings, Best Practices Sharing Seminar and Training Workshops
- SCIC Annual Conference
- Annual Responsible Care Awards
- CEO Breakfast Meetings for SMEs
- Health Talks for the Industry, a joint collaboration with NUH
- Capacity Building Workshops on the EU REACH regulation
- Briefing sessions on emerging technologies, international regulations etc

Singapore, through SCIC, has also successfully won the bid to host the Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference, APIC 2008. This major regional event will be held at Raffles the Plaza from 27 – 28 May 2008 and is expected to attract more than 1,000 participants from around the world.

Formerly known as the East Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference (EAPIC), the conference has today established itself as a premier forum that well attended by senior corporate executives from the petrochemical, chemical and chemical-related industries. Over the past few years, more than 900 participants have been recorded attending this event and APIC 2007 in Taipei set a record with more than 1,100 participants in attendance.

The conference has been an effective venue facilitating valuable exchange of information and sharing of issues of common concern. APIC has also grown to the likes of EPCA in Europe and NPRA in the United States, providing an excellent business networking platform for companies in this region.

Public

Outreach efforts to the educational institutions will continue with greater partnership from industry members. SCIC will also engage student bodies on possible collaborations to enhance the awareness of the chemical industry.

The programme will also be expanded to reach out to the general public. Joint collaborations with agencies such as NEA and MOM will continue, where mutual objectives of raising awareness on Health, Safety and the Environment can be achieved together.

7. Summary

In its new phase of growth as an independent entity, the Singapore Chemical Industry Council is poised to be a more effective industry association representing the chemical industry in Singapore. With established networks across the region and internationally, coupled with strong partnerships with local statutory agencies, the association is positioned to be a strong representation of the growing industry in the years ahead.