



Editorial



Gilles Baudin

Aerosol... A wonderful product !

Aerosols are a wonderful product. Their unique performances provide consumers and professionals with any number of services. The market is not mistaken ; innovations and initiatives flourish in all sectors of activity and products are becoming more distinctive thanks to new designs and functionalities.

Aerosols still have huge potential, rooted in the infinite choice of designs. However, their special characteristics, including internal pressure, the fineness of the spray or the type of propellant, call for responsible management by the profession as a whole. This is the raison d'être of our association. The entire chain is concerned, from material suppliers to recyclers, including brand owners ; all the players in design, production, transport, storage, marketing, use and end-of-life are concerned and intimately linked to action by their partners up- or downstream.

The CFA is the national reference in charge of federating the profession in order tangibly to consolidate its societal, environmental and economic responsibility. If we lack a player in the chain, we will be less effective in fulfilling our task. Thanks to our ability to mobilize experts throughout the value chain and bring players together on the strength of respect for good practices, we are in a strong position to anticipate and to influence governmental and legislative entities with a view to obtaining a relevant regulatory framework. For this reason, I wish strongly and urgently to appeal to brand owners selling aerosols in France : given the strong propensity of our country to be a forerunner and mindful of concerns pertaining to marketing, use and product end-of-life, the membership and participation of brand owners in the French Aerosols Committee is absolutely essential.

Gilles Baudin, *Président du CFA*

Two major proposals for more innovation : compressed gas aerosols and aerosols made of plastic



The CFA upholds the following positions vis-à-vis the EAF, which then conveys them to the European Commission:

- Increase the maximum pressure of aerosols pressurized using compressed gases, at 50°C, from 13.2 bars to 15 bars. This increase in the maximum authorized pressure will make it possible to offset the

drawback inherent in such gases : their performance drops as the aerosol empties. The higher the initial pressure, the longer performance will be maintained towards the end of use, while respecting user safety, as compressed gases are non-flammable.

- **Increase the maximum capacity** for aerosols made of plastic : technical progress now makes it possible safely to make such aerosol recipients providing specific tests guarantee stable performance in terms of temperature and over time.

These proposals were the subject of a public impact study. The comments recorded have been taken into account and we hope the aerosol directive will soon evolve, in keeping with progress and what is being done in other parts of the world.

Henri-Marc de Montalembert, *Secrétaire Général du CFA.*

Summary

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CFA Schedule for training courses

One training course will take place in 2014 from 14 to 16 October 2014

You will find the registration form:

- [here](#) for members
- [here](#) for non-members

CFA Study day

May we remind you that the CFA is organizing a study day on Thursday 27th November, in Paris, to take stock of various recent and forthcoming regulatory developments.

The following topical issues will be addressed and discussed with the experts active vis-à-vis government entities and the EAF :

- Aerosol directive (aerosols made of plastic)
- Questions raised by CLP
- Sustainable development/Greenhouse gases
- Industrial safety/Seveso 3/ICPE
- Transport
- Specific Diffuse Waste sector

The detailed programme and rates for the day can be obtained from the CFA: Raghda Temani
Tel : 01 40 07 00 90 or rtemani@orange.fr

Please pass on this information to the people in your company who are interested in the topics that will be addressed.

CFA Lobbying : the unrecognised role of the CFA

A few examples:

What is an expert and what purpose does he serve?



EXPERT comes from the Latin « Expertus », which means that « which has proved its worth ». EXPERT can also be used as a noun. It then defines a person who has acquired knowledge and skills in a specific field, thanks to practice, and who is recognized by the profession.

Experts have always existed in every profession and trade. There are experts in finance, accounting,

communication, metrology, quality, etc.

In industry, as in all sectors, experts are appointed, designated, to examine and assess certain facts, draw up reports and propose solutions, point the way to progress and define priorities, fix a recurrent problem.

An expert may work for a company or a firm of experts, or be self-employed.

- The aerosols industry calls for great expertise.
- Your company's business cannot survive without experts.
- Experts cannot progress without being immersed in a network of experts.
- National associations are unique focal points for aerosol expert networks.

The size of the market covered by the aerosol industry calls for precision, rigour, perfect knowledge of regulations, not to mention safety, which is the concern that governs the entire industry.

The quality of each product manufactured, from the most basic to the most sophisticated, depends on :

- The various skills of the various suppliers of various packaging components.
- The various suppliers who make the packaging components.
- Numerous details linked to the packaging components and their specifications.
- Filling conditions
- The products packaged

The aerosols industry is thus a complex sector that encompasses a wide range of expertise; at a time when regulations are evolving, new types of packaging, like plastic aerosols, are appearing on the horizon and new production processes seem likely to evolve, recourse to the skills of experts is ever more necessary.

Examples of typical missions are :

- Leading or participating in working groups to solve recurrent problems that are difficult to pinpoint among packaging component manufacturers, packagers or via national associations.
- Drafting and validation of standards.
- Support in the implementation of improvement programmes.
- Drafting certification programmes for new products, new suppliers or new processes.
- Setting up training and participating in assessment programmes.
- Assistance during an audit following a problem of quality and confirmation of the relevance of the corrective action.

Franck Flecheux, Aérion Packaging & Conseil, Independent Expert, Specialized in the aerosol sector

The Seveso regulation (ICPE in France) was not suited to the storage of flammable aerosols and was sometimes interpreted in a fastidious way. The CFA seized the opportunity of the Seveso directive revision to have simpler, clearer texts adopted for the new ICPE aerosol decrees.

The future Triman logo is well intended but a « white elephant ». The CFA therefore organized a meeting between several associations (Aifise, Febea, Fipec, UIC, UPJ, FCD, ...) and the ADEME, which gave rise to current hope that the project will be revisited.

Such action, thanks to e of plasticthe contacts and credibility of the CFA vis-à-vis government entities, fully complies with members' key expectations.

Indeed, in the survey conducted by the CFA at its last general assembly, members clearly stated that the prime mission of the CFA was to protect the industry against regulatory threats, at a time when such initiatives abound, particularly in France !

Henri-Marc de Montalembert



Owing to a technical problem, with our supplier, we are sorry to say that the CFA Internet site is currently unavailable.

We are doing our utmost to solve the problem as quickly as possible. Thank you for your understanding. For more information, don't hesitate to contact M. Henri-Marc de Montalembert

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