

HIGHLIGHTS - TIC COUNCIL HOSTED TWO WEBINARS DEDICATED TO INTRODUCING NEWLY PUBLISHED FIELD INSPECTION SAFETY CODES COVERING THE AGRICULTURAL & VEGETABLE OILS AND METALS & MINERALS SECTORS

On Tuesday, April 25th and 26th, 2023, TIC Council hosted two virtual panels to introduce and present the newly published Field Inspection Safety Codes covering the Agricultural and Vegetable Oils, as well as the Metals and Minerals Sectors of the commodities inspection markets.

The webinars were introduced by Leonardo Rey (TIC Council). Chris Raenschaert (SGS), Kristina Grinishena (Bureau Veritas), and Paulo Balagueiras (Bureau Veritas) gave presentations during the webinar sessions.

Both sessions focused on the recently published Field Inspection Safety Codes, which were made available in February 2023 as an adaptation of the Petroleum and Petrochemical Safety Code on the same topic. These documents outline the safety conduct expectations for TIC Council Member Companies and the responsibilities that other parties should fulfil to ensure inspection work is carried out safely.

It was noted that these, as well as any other safety-focused publications from the TIC Council, share the same essential goal: ensuring that everyone goes home safely at the end of each day.

Chris Raenschasert provided an in-depth introduction to the key safety issues covered by the document. The Safety Codes address 16 key issues, which are divided into four general topics and 12 more specific chapters. The topics covered range from general advice on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), driving, risk assessments, and Stop Work Authority, to more specific safety recommendations and issues such as vessel access, slips, trips, and falls, confined space entry, and substances hazardous to health.

The session emphasized that the Inspector is the final line of defense in safety. They have the responsibility of assessing their environment through dynamic and formal risk assessments and the authority to stop work if they judge that safety cannot be guaranteed. TIC Council and its member companies stand behind and support inspectors in carrying out this critical responsibility.

As conclusion, it was noted that the code is a living document, reviewed on a regular basis as safety techniques, technology and the requirements of work continue to develop. A fundamental element in keeping the Safety Code up to date and effective is the feedback of all stakeholders.

The Safety Codes are available to download [here](#).

Please [click here](#) to see the recording of the Agricultural and Vegetable Oils session.

Please [click here](#) to see the recording of the Metals and Minerals session.

Please feel free to submit any further questions, comments or remarks on the Field Inspections Safety Codes to secretariat@tic-council.org