

Achievements of the Arab Federation of Chambers
of Chambers of Shipping
November 2006 - October 2007

First: the achievements of the federation

1 - The periodic meetings:-

1-1 The Board of director (BOD) of the fed. held the eighth meeting of the BOD on December 19, 2006 in Alexandria and The ninth meeting on March 24, 2007 in Alexandria as well. The recommendations sent to the fed's. Members and other bodies of maritime transport in the Arab world as well, And to notify the Secretariat of the Council of Arab Economic Unity and the Secretariat of the League of Arab States and the Technical Secretariat of the Executive Office of the Council of Arab Ministers of Transport.

, It should be noted that during the review of the recommendations of the multimodal transport, which was deduced from the second broad Conference of the Arab Federations, BOD decided to activate these recommendations.

1-2- the regular fifth general assembly meeting of the fed. Held on Dec. 19, 2006 in Alexandria, during the meeting was the adoption of the annual Plan and the proposed annual budget of the fed. and the appointment of fed. auditor in 2007.

2-In the area of participation in the Arab and international meetings :

2-1 The chairman & the Secretary-General of the Federation attend the periodical meeting No. 32 of the Arab federations on 30/10/2006 held in Cairo.

2-2 The Chairman of the Federation and the Secretary-General attend No. 84 regular session of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), held on 6/12/2006 in Cairo.

2-3 The chairman of the fed. Attend the opening of the training centre of the Secretariat of the Council of Economic Unity on December 10, 2006 in Cairo.

2-4 The Chairman attend & participated in the International Forum No. 13 of the Federation of Arab Fertilizers held in Sharm El-Sheikh in February 7, 2007.

2-5 The Chairman of the fed. attend the meeting of the ESCWA Organization experts held in Cairo February 12, 2007 on the application of the memorandum of

understanding in the field of maritime transport in the Eastern Arab countries.

2-6 Mr. Zarrouk, Mr. Ahmad al-Bashir members of the fed. Attend the meeting of the Arab federation of sea ports held in Port Sudan during the period 26-27 February 2007.

2-7 The Chairman of the fed. attend the periodic meeting of the No. 33 of the Specialized Arab federations held in May 23, 2007 in Cairo, with the main theme of small industries and how to support by Arab countries.

2-8 The Secretary General of the Federation attend the Specialized Arab federations meeting which is based in the Arab Republic of Egypt, on May 14, 2007 in Cairo

2-9 The Chairman and the Secretary General attend No. 85 the session of the Council of Arab Economic Unity, held in Cairo in June 7, 2007.

2-10 the Chairman of the fed. participate in the constituent meeting of the Arab Federation of freight forwarder on July 15, 2007, which was established based on the recommendations of the 2nd Conference expanded of the Arab Specialized Federation.

3 - In the area of Researches and Media (studies and reports)

3-1 the fed. monthly submits studies and researches for the members both those provided by specialists in maritime transport in the Arab homeland or extracted from periodicals and global websites on shipping through the drawer in the monthly bulletin website of the Fed..

3-2 The Fed. has prepared a study on transport in the Arab homeland and proposals developments , and sent to the Secretariat of the Council of Arab Economic Unity and the Secretariat of the League of Arab States, to be submitted to the Arab summit .

3-2 In the Field of global development and currently rely on data and electronic information the fed. design and published of a monthly electronic newsletter include all the activities and accomplishments of the Federation and its members as well as the activities of Arab institutions on maritime Transport also with the inclusion of topics and scientific research programs and various training courses, exhibitions and conferences.

3-3 The Fed. Is currently planning to establish a periodical printed publication on the activities and achievement rely on recommendation of the ninth fed. BOD meeting held in Alexandria March 28, 2007.

4 - In the area of Training and Human resource development:

the Arab Federation of Chambers of shipping sets in his priorities the scientific and practical skills to his members and their employees by holding training courses in cooperation with global and Arabic organizations.

During the period 27-29 March 2007 in Alexandria the fed. held the second training course on the theme "Bill of Lading" and the participants had a specialist Master Class Diploma in cooperation with the World Organization of BIMCO, which met with great success, such as that first course, held in Sharm Al-Sheikh in the in 2006 on the theme

"Shipping Law from Alpha to Omega ".

The Fed. has been coordinate with BIMCO to hold a third course in March 2008, level of "Master Class Diploma" on the theme "Agency" .

5- In the Area of holding conferences, seminars and workshops

The BOD decided to include in its upcoming meeting the discussion of the maritime development in the Arab world & solve the difficulties and problems faced by the maritime industry.

Two circular discussions, During this period, to discuss methods of activating the recommendations of the second expanded Conference of the specialized Arab Federations which is held in Cairo in May 2006 in the role of multimodal transport and its impact on the development of Arab trade.

6 - In the area of expand membership

The Arab Fed. Of Chambers of shipping, since its foundation, focuses on the invitation of the largest number of chambers of shipping and Arab shipping companies to participate in the membership of the Fed. During the reporting period, despite of the apology of five active and affiliated members of the Syrian Arab Republic to continue membership in the Fed. for the establishment of the Syrian Chamber of Shipping, the number of members has reached 25 active member in 2007 in addition to 27 affiliated members which leads to total of 52 members from Arab countries (Syria - Lebanon - Jordan - Kuwait - Saudi Arabia - Yemen - Egypt - Libya - Tunisia - Sudan)

This increase is due to the efforts of the Fed. Counterpart to call in all forums and through correspondence, which is posted on the Fed. Site.

In Addition to the efforts and activities provided by the (AFCS) to work on solving problems and difficulties facing the maritime transport's workers, as well as recommendations that face the industry in the Arab world.

Second: The relation between Fed. And the ARE.:

-1- The Arab Federation of Chambers of Shipping bought a permanent residence in Alexandria prepared to hold limited meetings and equipped with communication facilities.

-2- Participation in a meeting of Arab Specialized Federations, which are based on the Arab Republic of Egypt, held in Cairo in May 14, 2007 the Egyptian Federation of Chambers of Commerce and other institutions of civil society in Egypt attended.

-3- The Fed. always coordinates conferences or symposiums with maritime agencies in the Arab Republic of Egypt as the Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Maritime Transport Sector, institutes and research centers, scientific bodies and ports as well as participating and coordinating with the Arab federation of Transport, businessmen associations and the Chamber of Commerce in Alexandria by either attending or participating in conferences and symposia held by these organizations also inviting them to participate in the meetings of the AFCS., which is held in Cairo and Alexandria.

-4- The Fed. Follows up the Secretariat of the Council of Arab Economic Unity the steps of signing the Convention between the Egyptian Foreign Ministry and the Arab specialized federations based in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Third: Promotion of the members products by the Federation and working on increasing the awareness of the market for the members :

-1- Since the federation founded, it worked to provide help to its members by providing data and statistics, regulations and applicable navigational norms whether in the Arab world or globally, as well as the latest researches and studies in this area ,it also worked on the promotion of the activities of members to clarify the details of their activities and methods of communication with the Fed.'s Site on the Internet.

-2- The Fed. Asked the Chairman of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport for granting facilities to the members of the Federation and their

employees in the courses or studies held in the Academy.

Fourth: The contribution of AFCS. in Arabic and national trade:

-1- The Fed. Participates in the meetings held either in the ESCWA or conferences and symposia and held in the Arab Academy for shipping as well as attending the meetings of the Council of Arab Ministers of Transport and commissions arising from it.

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-2- The Fed. linked websites of the World Trade Organization and the headquarters of the Memorandum of Understanding of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Arab Organization ESCWA on the Internet site of the Fed.

-3- Upon the recommendation of the second enlarged conference of the Arab federations which been organized and managed by AFCS the Arab freight forwarder logistics federation was decided to be established.

-4- The chairman of the federation visits the capital of Azerbaijan in the period from 7/9/2007 to 30/8/2007 and signed up a cooperation agreement in the field of maritime transport between the Arab Federation of Chambers of shipping and maritime transport sector Republic of Azerbaijan, which represents the activity of the chamber of Navigation in this state covering many areas of maritime cooperation between the Federation's members and between firms and shipping companies in the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as cooperation in the field of training and employment marine with the potential to benefit the Arab Academy for Science and Technology and maritime transport .