GRAIN TERMINALS

GRAINS AND OILSEEDS, FROM FIELDS TO SHIPS

GRAIN DIVISION







To maintain its leading position, an export terminal must have a natural hinterland of production, be integrated into the logistics chain, have efficient installations and satisfy the quality standards of European and World markets.

Located in the centre of the Atlantic coast, the Sica Atlantique terminals at La Rochelle-Pallice and Tonnay-Charente are the natural outlets for the Central West Atlantic, renowned for the quality of its grain and oilseed production. Dedicated to the entire export sector, from the fields to the quayside, high tech industrial facilities ensure optimal quality management with the strictest respect to technical specifications. Supply logistics by trucks and trains guarantee time optimisation during every stage of the procedure: reception/storage/loading of all vessels, from coasters to Panamax.

OUR CLIENTS AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES

& MERCHANTS TRADERS EXPORTERS

OUR JOB

RECEPTION OF PRODUCTS ONTO A MULTI-MODAL PLATFORM WITH SYSTEMATIC SAMPLING, ANALYSIS AND GRADING OF EVERY DELIVERY FULLY AUTOMATED INSTALLATIONS FOR RECEPTION, STORAGE, CELL-TO-CELL MOVEMENT, DIRECT TO SHIP LOADING

SEGREGATED STORAGE ACCORDING TO QUALITY; POSSIBILITY TO STORE IN INDIVIDUAL BINS

LOTS' AVERAGE QUALITY FOLLOWED UP BY COMPUTER

STORAGE MANAGEMENT (THERMOMETRIC PROBES)

INSECTICIDE TREAMENT AT TIME OF INTAKE OR LOADING

BLENDING INTO HOMOGENOUS CARGO WITHIN CONTRACTUAL SPECIFICATIONS

LOADING BY GRAINS LOADERS AT DEDICATED PIER, AFTER ANALYSIS AND WEIGHING

FULL TRACEABILITY AND PROCESS MANAGEMENT

REAL TIME DATA PROCESSING BY COMPUTERISED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

COMPLETE ORGANISATION OF INTAKES BY RAILWAYS

OUR STRENGTH

First historical French grain export terminal. With our experience and technical knowledge we can provide solutions for even the most diverse issues regarding volumes and treatment: individualisation, segregation and blending of lots by computer tracking of qualitative criteria.

Output batching enhances the quality value of goods handled. The flexibility of our facilities guarantees differentiated management of multi-products until they reach the grain loading terminal. Our grain loaders in La Pallice and Tonnay Charente are powerful and swift enough to optimize the vessel loading operations.





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EQUIPMENT

LA ROCHELLE – PALLICE

Installation

- 4 silos, 101 bins
- 300 000 tons capacity
- 6 road reception hoppers (700 trucks/day)
- 1 rail pit
- (5 trains/day)
- 1 rail/road pit
- 3 grading stations
- Handling by conveyor belts

Grain terminal

- Vessels-up to 120 000 tons
- Draught (dredged berth) 13.5 metres
- 600 metres of berth length
- 3 dockside berths
- 2 grainloaders 1 000 and 1500 tons/hour simultaneously
- "Direct on board" loading circuit
- 24/7 accessibility. From La Rochelle-Pallice roads to berth in less than one hour

TONNAY - CHARENTE

Installation

- 1 silo, 20 000 tons capacity
- 3 truck pits
- (100 trucks/day)

Grain terminal

- River port on the Charente River
- Coasters up to 5 000 tons
- Draught up to 6.5 metres
- 1 grainloader 600 tons/hour
- "Direct on board" loading circuit

OFFERING MORE

KEY FIGURES

Groupe Sica Atlantique

3 000 000 tons / year

350 vessels loaded per year, from 2 000 to 120 000 t

15 commodities: wheat, maize feed barley

maize, feed barley, malting barley, durum wheat, rapeseed, peas... OUR SUBSIDIARIES WORK IN SYNERGY TO GUARANTEE THE SWIFTNESS AND THE OPTIMIZATION OF THE VESSELS CALLS AS WELL AS THE TRANSPORTATION COSTS (TRUCKS OR TRAINS UNLOADING CEREALS CAN BE REFILLED WITH FERTILISERS OR OILSEEDS MEAL FOR INSTANCE FOR THEIR RETURN TRIP)