

# Rotterdam your world-class agri-port



All-round service for food, feed & fuel

**From exports to imports and everything in between: Rotterdam is the strategically-situated, all-round agri-port of Northwest Europe. As market leader, the port offers complete and attractive services for all types of dry and liquid agribulk, not just food and feed, but increasingly fuel too.**

#### **DRY AGRIBULK: WIDE CHOICE**

In the port of Rotterdam, there are many possibilities for handling grains, soya (products), sorghum, rapeseed, etc. Transfers can be made from ship-to-shore as well as ship-to-ship. Independent stevedoring companies such as EBS and Marcor are very easily accessible by sea, offer modern facilities, expert staff and an extensive choice of efficient onward transportation. There are also numerous options for the transshipment of agribulk using buoys and dolphins. Added to this, agri-multinational ADM has its own terminal in Rotterdam. Furthermore, the port offers 300,000 m<sup>3</sup> of storage space in silos and flat storage.

#### **LIQUID AGRIBULK: SEVERAL MAJOR PLAYERS**

Liquid agribulk consists mainly of edible oils & fats, such as soya and palm oil, for which several large, independent tank terminals offer their high-grade services in the port. Together, companies like Vopak, Koole and Maastank provide 1.1 million m<sup>3</sup> of storage capacity in carbon steel, coated and stainless steel tanks. Tankers of up to 70,000 tonnes dwt can moor at the company's jetties around the clock.

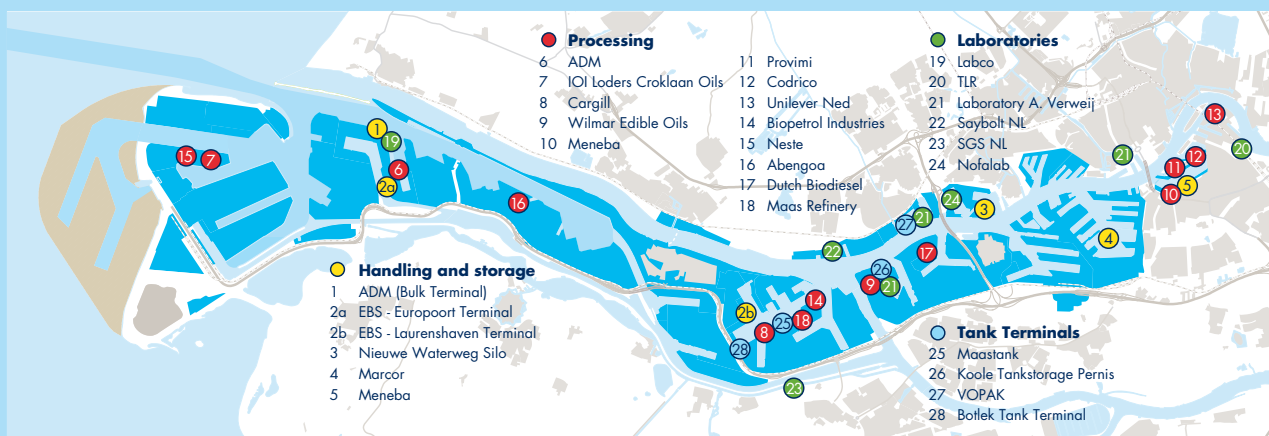
#### **FEEDSTOCK FOR BIOFUELS**

Traditionally, the agribulk shipped into Rotterdam was destined for human (food) and animal consumption (feed). However, agribulk is playing an increasing role in the energy market (fuel). Rapeseed and soya beans, for example, are an important feedstock for the production of biodiesel, and grain and maize for the production of bio-ethanol. It is crucial that sustainability is prevailed in the acquisition of feedstocks. As energy port of Europe, Rotterdam also wants to play a prominent role in these supply chains. Various producers have already chosen Rotterdam.

#### **RECOGNISED BY REPUTABLE TRADING HOUSES**

Rotterdam's competitive edge is acknowledged throughout the world. Many reputable trading houses are frequent users of the terminals in the port. A.C. Toepfer International, Bunge, Cefetra, Nidera, Glencore, TRC and others charter their own ships or share vessels. Azure Parcel Lines operates a regular parcel service between South America (Argentina and Brazil) and Rotterdam.

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## CENTRE FOR PROCESSING AND ADDED VALUE

Based on the large-scale transshipment and storage facilities and the excellent possibilities for import and export, the port is also a leading European centre for the industrial processing of agribulk and the creation of added value. Examples of companies active in Rotterdam are ADM for soybean and rapeseed crushing and refining, Meneba/Worldflour for grain-based products, Codrico for maize grits and flours and Provimi for animal nutrition. Refining and fractionating of crude vegetable oils is performed by Cargill Refined Oils Europe, IOI Loders Croklaan and Wilmar Edible Oils.

## PLENTY OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The great diversity of additional services makes the Rotterdam agribulk cluster complete. The port is home to several superintendence companies with decades of experience in dealing with agri-products. They include service providers such as the Schutter Group, Peterson, Georg Schilinski, SGS Nederland and Kruthoffer & Doll. Laboratories for quality control - such as Labco, Saybolt, Dr A. Verwey, TLR, SGS and Nofalab - also have a prominent presence in the port area.

## OPTIMUM ACCESSIBILITY

One of the main advantages of Rotterdam is its strategic location in Northwest Europe and its optimum accessibility, from both the sea and land side. Bulk carriers and tankers can enter the port 24 hours a day, irrespective of their size and dead weight, without being restricted by tides or locks. For efficient hinterland transport throughout the European market, the Port of Rotterdam Authority actively encourages the use of environmentally-friendly modes of transport.

Everything is in place to facilitate this:

- Rotterdam is situated on the estuary of the rivers Rhine and Maas. Barges are therefore the ideal mode of transport for the reliable and cost-effective movement of larger volumes to and from, among other places, Belgium, Germany, France, the countries of Central Europe and, of course, the Netherlands itself.
- For rail, the port is the start and end of the Betuweroute, the 160-kilometre dedicated freight railway between Rotterdam and Germany, with a direct connection to the extensive European railway network.
- Rotterdam is also perfectly situated for board-board transshipment. The open connection with the North Sea forms the basis for short turnaround times and efficient connections with the UK, Scandinavia and the Baltic.

## PORT OF ROTTERDAM AUTHORITY: WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS WORLD CLASS

The Port of Rotterdam Authority is the proactive manager of the port complex. Together with our clients, our ambition is to create the best possible conditions for a sustainable and successful agribulk cluster.

You can always approach our Business desk Industry & Bulk Cargo with all your questions about setting up business, the agribulk specialists active in the port, ship-to-ship transfers using buoys and dolphins, the many options for rapid and efficient hinterland transport, etc. With our extensive network in and outside the port, we are always pleased to help you further along your way.

## PORT OF ROTTERDAM AUTHORITY

The aim of the Port of Rotterdam Authority is to enhance the port of Rotterdam's competitive position as a logistics hub and world-class industrial complex. Not only in terms of size, but also quality.

The core tasks of the Port Authority are to develop, manage and run the port in a sustainable way and to maintain a speedy and safe service for shipping.

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