



### ASF keeps you informed

- ASF members receive general, operational and management circulars.
- ASF members have direct access to the restricted section of [www.asv.be](http://www.asv.be).
- As an ASF member you receive all circulars and newsletters from VOKA-Alfaport Antwerp.

### ASF gives you greater name recognition and a quality label

- ASF membership is a guarantee of quality and reliability for your principals and customers.
- The General Conditions of ASF constitute a code of conduct for its members.
- Your contact details are listed on [www.asv.be](http://www.asv.be)
- You can use the ASF and FONASBA logos on your correspondence and advertising.
- Your company is mentioned in the FONASBA Handbook which is distributed worldwide.
- You qualify for fast tracking to receive the FONASBA Quality Label.

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ANTWERP SHIPPING FEDERATION

**A worthwhile choice!**

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## YOUR ANTWERP SHIPPING FEDERATION

ASF (Antwerp Shipping Federation, a non-profit organisation) has been defending the interests of shipping, ship's agents and the port of Antwerp since 1901. It currently has 80 or so members, including independent agents and those tied to a particular shipping group. Together they represent more than 90% of shipping in Antwerp. ASF also provides the secretariat for NAVES (National federation of associations of ship's agents and brokers).

By joining ASF you additionally become a member not only of NAVES but also FONASBA (Federation of National Ship Brokers and Agents, active worldwide) and its European branch ECASBA (European Community Association of Ship Brokers and Agents).



## WHAT DOES ASF MEAN FOR YOU?

### ASF gives you a voice

- ASF defends the interests of its members at professional and interprofessional level, in a wide economic and social framework.
- Through NAVES, ASF forms the local, regional and national contact point for dealing with among others Antwerp Port Authority, the Pilotage, Customs & Excise, the Shipping Police and the Flemish and Federal governments.
- Through ECASBA and FONASBA, ASF makes its voice heard at European and international level.
- Workgroups made up of representatives of the members formulate policies and strategies, in consultation with the secretariat.

### With ASF you are part of a wider network

- ASF organises activities for its members, such as the maritime get-together, Shiplink and information sessions.
- In the ASF workgroups, members discuss professional problems and challenges.
- ASF members sit in the inter-association workgroups of VOKA-Alfaport.
- As an ASF member you are invited to VOKA-Alfaport events.
- As a founding member of VOKA-Alfaport, ASF sits in the board of directors of several other port related organisations and federations.

### Your interests are in good hands with ASF

- ASF can draw on extensive sources of information with wide powers of consultation.
- ASF combines practical know-how and theory.
- ASF keeps you up to date with developments that affect the main activities of ship's agents.
- ASF has a strong tradition of practical help and advice for members in fundamental files.
- ASF follows developments that do not concern the main activities of the ship's agents but that can affect them directly or indirectly, such as the environment, VAT and Customs, security, dual use goods, counterfeit goods etc.
- ASF has a history of taking the lead in fundamental files such as direct customs representation, retribution for customs overtime, where positive results have been achieved.

### ASF can save you time and money

- ASF members benefit from a special rate for the courses and seminars organised by Portilog. In addition ASF regularly sponsors participation in certain courses.
- ASF provides its members with a collective guarantee in favour of the Flemish Region and Antwerp Port Authority to cover the sea and river pilotage fees, tugging charges and port dues.
- ASF members pay a much reduced annual membership contribution to the Shipowners Protection Fund (mutual insurance for shipowners against the consequences of strikes).
- ASF members can take out a multi-user subscription so that they can consult the digital version of the "Regulations and customs of the port of Antwerp" entirely free of charge.
- ASF members can submit Rebel declarations (obligatory declaration of photocopies and prints of works protected by copyright) under a framework agreement negotiated by ASF.