



THE EFFICIENT SOLUTION FOR WHISKY



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Whisky is booming business. That goes for Van den Bosch too: the amount of Scotch whisky that we ship to destinations worldwide is growing every year. And there's no end in sight, predicts Mark Ashton, Deep sea shipping expert at DMCC.

In 2021 Mark Ashton and his family moved from Scotland to Town Square in Dubai. "Not far from the DMCC office," Ashton explains. "Dubai is an exiting and refreshing challenge. I really like the pace of it here. And I'm very proud to be part of the global distribution network of perhaps the best-known Scottish national product."

Blended malts

Van den Bosch is a deep sea solution provider. As a logistics partner we focus on improving our customer's supply chain without compromising on product quality. "In the whisky business this is very important, because it is a high value product. It should always be handled with a lot of care. The blended whisky malts we ship are loaded directly into our 20ft ISO tank containers. No other packaging is required. The tank itself is also a protective measure, reducing the risk of contamination and product loss along the way. A single tank container can carry up to 26,000 litres of liquids which increases the payload significantly compared to other types of transport. Also during the transport fewer handling is required, resulting in a more efficient supply chain."

Guaranteed spotless

The containers in which Scotch whisky is exported are cleaned in the ISOCON and Tank Wash tank cleaning depots in Grangemouth (just west of Edinburgh), where Scotland's largest deep-sea port is situated. Then the containers are released for loading at the Scottish distilleries from where they start their next round-the-world journey. Safety and quality is continuously managed by the DMCC office following strict ISO 22000 regulations.

Extra deep-sea containers

This year, Van den Bosch put a substantial proportion of the 500 new ISO tank containers it recently acquired into service, in order to further increase the impact of its deep-sea activities. Mark Ashton comments, "We have increased our fleet by adding another large number of ISO tanks. These will come in very handy, considering how fast we are growing through supply change opportunities: not just in the share of whisky we are transporting, but also in other liquid products and markets."