



**Meeting # 67**



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Copenhagen, April 20, 2016.**



**MAERSK**

**1. Opening & Roll Call**

Simon opens the meeting at 09:30 hrs and welcomes the participants, thanking our hosts, Maersk. The participants introduce themselves.

**2. Welcome**

Welcome by Mr. Jason Pountney of Maersk.

**3. Agenda**

The agenda was presented.

**4. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of meeting # 66 in Malta were adopted without any amendments.



### 5. VGM and VERMAS

#### **VGM (Verified Gross Mass of containers)**

Jost presents the results of the VGM-subgroup.

BAPLIE 2.1 was upgraded to 2.2, which version includes the VGM additions.

BAPLIE 3.0 was upgraded to 3.1 with the same additions.

The relevant Container Messages were also upgraded accordingly.

The new message VERMAS will be added to the D16A directory (to be approved next week during the CEFACT meeting in Geneva.).

A validation platform was configured in close cooperation with GEFEG.

**We thank all participants worldwide for their contributions!!**

Download Jost's presentation from the SMDG meeting page:

**SOLASVerifiedGrossMass-Cph-minutes.**

Yoshi presented the status of the IFTMBF and IFTMIN messages with respect to the updates for the VGM. Download his presentation from the meeting page: **SOLAS**

**VGM - IFTMBF\_IFTMIN\_FINAL**

#### **VERMAS**

The latest version of this message was presented by Michael Schroeder. You can download his presentation from the SMDG meeting page: **VERMAS SMDG Meeting CPH 2016-04-20.**

The preferred communication flow is from shipper to carrier, but other flows are also possible. The shipper can delegate the weighing responsibility to another party, f.e. a weighing station or a forwarder.

Containers delivered to the terminal before 1/7, but to be loaded on a vessel on or after 1/7 must have VGM. No doubt there will be an unofficial transition period.

The carrier and the terminal are jointly responsible for the retrieval of the VGM.

The VERMAS will be the world standard for the transmission of VGM info.

The Bill of Lading will have the cargo-weight as declared by the shipper, as before.

We expect VERMAS to be approved by the UN/CEFACT during their meeting of April 26-28 in Geneva and then it will be published in the directory D16A. During the meeting a new numeric code must be assigned to VGM so that this new code can be included in the Implementation Guideline (MIG). The new MIG, version 1.0 can then be published on the SMDG website in May. This MIG has been declared 'Stable' and organizations can implement the VERMAS message on the basis of this MIG, which will not be changed shortly.



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The development of VERMAS started about a year ago when the SMDG subgroup VGM was installed. Many people contributed to the results of this workgroup, especially Jost, Michael, Patrick, Sue and many others. We thank all contributors for their efforts to get this ready in time for the implementation before 2016-07-01.

Questions:

Why change BAPLIE? BAPLIE is the communication with the vessel and the carrier and must therefore confirm that all weights are verified. This applies especially for BAPLIE's that are used to transmit the pre-planned vessel to the vessel and/or to the central planner. It is necessary to know if the weight of a container is verified or not.

APERAK? The carrier could send an APERAK to the shipper after timely receipt of the VGM. There will be a cut-off time for the receipt of VGM info, f.e. 24 hours before the start of the operations.

### 6. VGM implementation in Ghana

Emmanuel Odartey presented the status of VGM implementations in Ghana. His presentation **TECC Ghana Presentation** can be found on the meeting page of the SMDG website.

Remarks: Onboard weighing equipment tolerance of 5% is too much. Using a weighbridge is better but is more complicated because the tare of the truck must be deducted. In principle the Carriers will not check if the VGM weight is correct or not.

### 7. Next meeting

In view of the restricted overseas travel possibilities of many members it was decided to organize the next meeting not in Oakland but in Hamburg. Our hosts will still be XVELA, who will open an office in Hamburg soon. The dates will be September 21 and 22, 2016.

### 8. BAPLIE and MOVINS

Jost presents the latest status of the developments.

BAPLIE MIG 2.2 and BAPLIE MIG 3.1 including the VGM additions are now available on the SMDG website. Implementations are underway.

Download presentation: **BAPLIE-MOVINS-minutes-Cph**

### 9. Container Messages

Paul presents the latest status of the messages. All documentation, including the SOLAS VGM requirements, based on D95B and D00B, is available in the Documents



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section of the SMDG website. Note that the older documentation was moved to the 'Older Documentation' section.

Following a discussion, it was decided to make the name of the responsible person NOT a requirement, because this name is not necessary to be transmitted by the Carrier to the Terminal, but only between the Shipper and the Carrier.

Download Paul's presentation: **SMDGContainerMessagesVGM\_Copenhagen2016**

### 10. SMDG Message Validation Platform

Michael Dill of Gefeg presented the results of the cooperation between SMDG (Jost) and GEFEG in order to set up a validation platform for a selected number of SMDG messages. He demonstrated the web-pages which will be made accessible to SMDG members for a limited period. All participants of the meeting have received login details for this platform and they can start testing. This will be free of charge until 15-Jun-2016.

Michael invites everybody to give it a try and send their comments to him. A lot of work has been done to create this platform and feedback is now required from SMDG members.

### 11. Code Lists

Jasmin presents the current status. Download her presentation from the meeting page: **SMDG\_Code\_Lists\_Copenhagen\_20160420**

### 12. TPFREP

Michael explains the current status.

Download his presentation from the SMDG meeting page: **TPFREP SMDG Meeting Copenhagen 2016-04-20**

There is a wish-list but this will be discussed during the next meeting.

### 13. Inland Terminal Code List (BIC)

Jørn, representing the BIC, presents the BIC Inland Terminal Code List. The BIC suggests a cooperation with SMDG in order to come to one single terminal code list worldwide.

We decided to establish a subgroup, chaired by Jasmin, to work on this topic. Members of this subgroup are: Jasmin (Chair), Patrick, Mario, Ricardo, Jørn, Emmanuel. The aim is to create one single code list for terminal facilities worldwide.

### 14. Presentation Traxens



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A short video was presented by Hanane showing the Traxens Smart Container solution.

### 15. Future Meetings

Simon presents the history of SMDG. He announces that the current Chairman and Secretary, Simon and Gerry, will be retiring this year. This means that the next meeting in September will be their last meeting.

**We invite members to apply for the functions of chairman and secretary.  
Preferably from a Carrier (Shipping Line) or a Terminal.**

### 17. Any Other Business

Michael Schroeder: An update of the member lists of the subgroups is needed. This will be done during the next meeting.

Michael Dill: He needs volunteers to test the SMDG validation platform.

Gerry: Please send your presentations to me for publication on the website.

### 18. Closing

The chairman closed the meeting at 16:00, thanking our hosts, Maersk IT, for their excellent facilities and organization.

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