



57th SMDG Meeting in Hamburg

IFTMBF Change Requests

Change Procedure

■ Message Usage

The IFTMBF is used for for the exchange of DG bookings between partner lines. Currently the version "GA EDICOM 1.2" is used. Usage is not restricted to GA lines.

■ Responsibility

The IFTMBF message is not supervised by the SMDG. Therefore the four below requests are not addressed to the SMDG.

It is however deemed advisable to harmonize the usage of the DGS segment and of the related FTX segment between the IFTMxx messages and the Coxxxx Container messages. As such, the below requests are to be seen as information to the SMDG.

■ Next steps

The below change requests will be presented to the next TBG3 meeting in June 2011 for approval.

Change #1 DG N.O.S. Segregation

■ Background

Since 01.01.2010 the new rules of the IMDG-code amdt. 34 are valid. One of the new regulations addresses the topic: "segregation groups specification".

If a shipper has a DG N.O.S. cargo for which no default segregation group is defined, but he is of the opinion that a segregation group does apply, then this has to be reported.

For detail information please see the following excerpt from the IMDG Code amdt. 34 chapter 5.4.1.5.11.1:

5.4.1.5.11.1 "For substances, mixtures, solutions or preparations classified under N.O.S. entries not included in the segregation groups listed in 3.1.4.4 but belonging, in the opinion of the consignor, to one of these groups (see 3.1.4.2), the appropriate segregation group name preceded by the phrase "IMDG Code segregation group" shall be included in the transport document after the dangerous goods description. For example:

```
UN 1760 CORROSIVE LIQUID, N.O.S. (Phosphoric acid) 8 III IMDG Code  
segregation group - 1 Acids.
```

Change #1 DG N.O.S. Segregation

■ Current Solution

Since there is no structured way to exchange the Segregation Group, it can only be appended to the Technical Name. example:

```
DGS+IMD+8+1760++III+F-AS-B'  
FTX+AAD+++CORROSIVE LIQUID, N.O.S. (Phosphoric acid) :IMDG Code  
segregation group - 1 Acids'
```

This is causing manual workload because it is not machine readable.
A separated FTX-segement is required to process this information automatically.

■ Request

We are herewith requesting the same solution that PROTECT has already agreed for the IFTDGN. It meets the requirement and it does not require a CEFACT approval but only a MIG enhancement.

The requested solution is:

```
FTX+AAC++SEG+IMDG Code segregation group -:1 Acids'
```

Change #1 DG N.O.S. Segregation

■ Request - cont'd

That means following changes:

In the FTX segment (Position: 1150, Group: SG16-SG27):

Element C107-4441

New code specification: SEG = IMDG Code Segregation Group

Element C108-4440 (first Free text field)

If C107-4441 contains 'SEG' then this field must mandatory contain:

'IMDG Code Segregation Group -'

Element C108-4440 (second Free text field)

If C107-4441 contains 'SEG' then this field must contain the IMDG Code Segregation Group e.g. '1 Acids'

An example of the use of the new SG specification :

```
DGS+IMD+8+1760++III+F-AS-B'  
FTX+AAD+++CORROSIVE LIQUID, N.O.S. (Phosphoric acid) '  
FTX+AAC++P '  
FTX+AAC++SEG+IMDG Code segregation group -:1 Acids'
```

Change #2 UNNO Suffix

■ Background

This requirement exists for DG bookings between shipping lines.

It is necessary to exchange not only the UN Number but also the UNNO Suffix.

The UNNO Suffix is a code that describes different combinations of classes, sub-classes, packing groups and technical names for a UN No. Such coding exists for example for UNNO 1950 (24 different suffixes) or UNNO 2734 (4 different suffixes).

The code is numeric, values are 1,2,3,4 etc

It is not part of the official IMDG code, but it is provided in EXIS and is commonly used.

Currently there is no suitable data element in the IFTMBF (neither in the IFTDGN).

Change #2 UNNO Suffix

■ Request

We are herewith requesting the following solution, using an FTX segment under the DGS segment.

The requested solution is:

FTX+AAC++UNNO SUFFIX+12'

That means following changes: In the FTX segment (Position: 1150, Group: SG16-SG27):

Element C107-4441

New qualifier code specification: 'UNNO SUFFIX' = means the FTX is used for the UNNO Suffix.

Element C108-4440 (first Free text field)

If C107-4441 contains ' UNNO SUFFIX ' then this field must contain the Integer expression of the UNNO Suffix code, for example:

'12'

Change #3 Emergency Contact

■ Background

We have been made aware of the US DOT regulations (HM206F), regarding information required on a dangerous goods declaration effective October 1, 2010.

Regulatory text can be viewed at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-24799.pdf>

The phone number, the name and a reference for both the main emergency contact and the alternative emergency contact (EC) have to be conveyed in the IFTMBF message. While name and number for the main EC and alt. EC appear to be covered, we believe an agreement has to be found on how to cover the reference field.

■ Current Situation

There are suitable data elements in the IFTMBF to cover the name and the telephone number of the emergency contacts, but not for the reference.

Change #3 Emergency Contact

■ Request

We are herewith requesting to use the data element C056:3413 (Department or employee name code) in the SG16-SG27-SG28-CTA segment for the reference. The reference is nothing but a code with which to identify the contact person or department.

This field is currently flagged as 'X' Unused. We are requesting to change it to 'O' Optional.

That means following change in the CTA segment (Position: 1170, Group: SG16-SG27-SG28):

Element C056:3413

Change User Attribute from 'X' to 'O'

Add Note: *Emergency contact reference*

Change #3 Emergency Contact

■ Example

MainEC Phone Number	: 8005554328
MainEC Name	: Dow
MainEC Reference	: XXXX
AlternativeEC Phone Number	: 7135550815
AlternativeEC Name	: Schmitz
AlternativeEC Reference	: YYYY

This would look as follows:

```
...DGS+IMD+3+2245+030:CEL+3'  
FTX+PSN+++CYCLOPENTANONE '  
FTX+AAC++AGG+LIQUID '  
FTX+AAC++NP '  
CTA+HE+XXXX: DOW'  
COM+8005554328: TE'  
CTA+HE+YYYY: SCHMITZ'  
COM+7135550815: AJ'  
EQD+CN+33377500-1+22TD:102:5'...
```

Change #4 Measurement Unit

■ Requirement

In the Measurement segment where volume and weight of the cargo is described, there are codes missing for Cubic Metre and Cubic Foot.

■ Request

We are herewith requesting the following two new codes, which are commonly used in other messages. The codes are in line with UN/ECE Recommendation No 20 " **Codes for Units of Measure Used in International Trade** "

MEA segment (Position: 0870, Group: SG16-SG18)

Data Element C174 Value Range

Composite 6411 Measurement unit code

Add two new codes:

MTQ – cubic metre

FTQ – cubic foot