



Meeting # 57
Hamburg, May 4, 2011.



1. Opening and Roll Call

Simon opens the meeting at 09:30 and all participants introduce themselves.

2. Welcome by Mr. Schaefer of Hapag Lloyd

Mr. Schaefer welcomes all participants on behalf of Hapag Lloyd. Mr. Schaefer calls EDI a 'Key Enabler of business', which is a statement that will be endorsed by all participants. We cannot imagine any more how we could work without EDI. He also mentions that many improvements are still needed, as well as the acceptance of standard EDI by terminals. Example of this is the TPFREP message, which was implemented by Hapag Lloyd for some time, but many terminals still cannot transmit it. It can also be beneficial for terminals, because it could speed up the checking of the invoice. Hapag Lloyd also needs some extensions to the BAPLIE, there is a growing demand for XML messages and web services. Other developments are the growing demand by shippers to use 'clip-on' tracking devices.



3. Presentation Port of Hamburg

Dr. Phanthian Zuesongdham of the Hamburg Port Authority gave an interesting presentation about the Port of Hamburg and its organization.



4. Minutes of meeting # 56

The minutes of the meeting # 56 of October 2010 in Rotterdam were approved.

5. Agenda for today

The agenda was presented and adopted.

6. IFTSAI extensions

Robert proposes to enhance the IFTSAI message with quantity information. ECT would like to receive IFTSAI messages with estimated number of containers to be loaded and discharged. This is especially useful for inland barges so that ECT can prepare themselves properly if they know in advance how many handlings they must perform on a barge.



Robert proposes to add a special group EQD and EQN segments with some new qualifiers. The proposal was adopted and Robert, together with Yoshi, will prepare the documents for the DMR. It is the intention to get approval from TBG3 during the Berlin meeting in June.

7. TPFREP extensions

On behalf of SMDG many new codes for use in the TPFREP message have been proposed. Yoshi presents the result of his efforts to obtain approval and official codes. Michael explains the use of TPFREP and whilst version 3 is now in use, version 4 is already under development with a new structure and new codes. Many terminals now send TPFREP to Hapag Lloyd but many more still have to implement it. Also Hamburg Sued will now try to push the introduction of this message and ECT is now planning implementation.





8. IFTMBF - Booking message

Michael explains that, although this message is not under control of SMDG, he believes it is in the interest of a few members, because the shipping lines use this message for booking details. Some changes are required and Michael asks our assistance, where possible.

Currently the 'GA EDICOM 1.2 User Guide' is in use, but some additional IMDG details are required in connection with the segregation of certain IMDG classes.

For more information see his presentation.

9. SMDG Code Lists

SMDG maintains 2 code lists:

1. SMDG Master Liner Codes
2. SMDG Master Terminal Facility codes

Both lists are used by members and many other parties.

There is now another code list for Terminal Facilities, maintained by inland water organizations. See the next item for further details.

10. Inland Terminal Location Codes

Robert gives a presentation prepared by the Dutch Bureau Telematica Binnenvaart, who is working for the inland waterways organizations. They also promote RIS (River Information Services), which is a harmonized set of European standards for inland shipping.

RIS is looking for cooperation in order to harmonize the use of inland terminal location codes with SMDG terminal facility codes. This sounds like a good idea and Robert will try to obtain a list with existing terminal codes from RIS.

For more information see his presentation.



11. UN Recommendations 23 and 16

This is a report of the Global Meeting of Experts on Trade Facilitation Recommendations and Electronic Business Standards, held recently in Washington DC.

For further details see his presentation.

12. DMR's for SMDG

Yoshi presents the result of his work in order to get approval for DMR's on behalf of SMDG.

See the presentation in the previous item for further details.

13. TBG3 Washington

Yoshi also informs participants about the meeting of TBG3 in Washington.

14. INVOIC

INVOIC is now used between terminals and shipping lines more often. Robert, on behalf of ECT, explains that more and more shipping lines can now accept INVOIC and this works well.

There is a question about how we can warrant secure transmissions. How can we know that the message was received in a secure way, i.e. without the possibility that someone tampered with it. Some members know that this can be secured by means of special software tools, which allow a so called digital signature by means of certificates.

Wikipedia: "A **digital signature** or **digital signature scheme** is a mathematical scheme for demonstrating the authenticity of a digital message or document. A valid digital signature gives a recipient reason to believe that the message was created by a known sender, and that it was not altered in transit. Digital signatures are commonly used for software distribution, financial transactions, and in other cases where it is important to detect forgery or tampering."

SMDG cannot recommend any method but we can recommend to study the extensive literature on this subject on the internet.

15. SHPDAT and TANSTA

Jost explains that he still finds it difficult to discover interested parties for the SHPDAT message. He therefore did not make any progress. Since there is no one in this meeting interested we decided to stop the development until further notice.

For TANSTA, however, Jost is now cooperating with Michael Bergen of Interschalt, who expressed interest in such a message.



16. Container Messages - BAPLIE - MOVINS

Container messages: There is one question about transmitting customs documents information in the container messages. Currently the message do not allow this. We shall ask Jacco, as coordinator of the container messages, to give his opinion on this subject.

BAPLIE - MOVINS:

There are a few change requests to be discussed:

For this see the e-mail prepared by Jost (click on 'download presentation' below). We have not come to any final decision during this meeting. Members are requested to study the attached e-mail and give recommendation to the secretariat. It is our intention to decide about these items during next meeting.

For the BAPLIE 11-tiers on deck issue see next topic.

17. BAPLIE and 11-tiers on deck

We have been made aware of this issue by Jacco of Maersk, who are now employing vessels with up to 11 tiers on deck. Using the ISO recommended numbering, which starts at 82 on deck, this would mean that the 10th tier would get 100 and the 11th tier gets 102.

In the current cell position number format of BBBRRTT we cannot accommodate tier numbers with 3 digits and therefore a solution is needed.

A proposal was made by NYK to start the tier numbers on deck not with 82 but with 62, which obviously would solve this issue on the spot. NYK is supported by OOCL and Hapag Lloyd. Also Hamburg Sued has no problems with it and none of the other participants.

The proposal was therefore accepted under the proviso that Jacco could also live with this solution. Gerry will liaise with Jacco on this topic.

18. VTS-AIS Demo

VTS (Vessel Tracking System) and AIS (Automatic Identification Systems).

Steve of Plantask Cardiff gives a presentation and demonstration of their VTS vessel tracking system.



For further information please contact Steve.

19. Presentation Compta

Ricardo now works for Compta, who are involved in logistics software.

He presents the various possibilities of Compta. For further information please contact Ricardo.



20. PR

Frans gives a presentation of the work he does for the PR of SMDG.

For many years when he travels around the world he is promoting SMDG and the use of the message implementation guides, which are all available 'free-of-charge' to anybody, thanks to the generous contributions of the SMDG members.

For further details see his presentation.

21. Next meeting

Next meeting has now been confirmed:

Our hosts will be: NYK London.

The date will be: October 19, 2011.

Further details to follow on the SMDG website

22. Future meetings

Future meetings planned:

April 12, 2012 - Hamburg Sued Hamburg (confirmed)

October, 2012 - Still open.

23. Any Other Business

No other items were tabled.



24. Closing

The chairman closed the meeting at 15:40.

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