



# 58th SMDG Meeting in London

## IFTMBF Change Requests

## Change Procedure

### ■ Message Usage

The IFTMBF is commonly used for a firm booking from a customer to a shipping line.

However in the current reference, it is also used for for the exchange of DG bookings between partner lines.

Currently the version "GA EDICOM 1.2" is used. Usage of the message is by no means restricted to GA lines.

### ■ Responsibility

The IFTMBF message is not supervised by the SMDG. The responsible body to agree on the message structure is the TBG3.

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 and possibly the BAPLIE. As such, the current change requests are to be seen as information to the SMDG.

## Summary of Changes

### The following changes were presented in more detail on the SMDG meeting in May 2011

#### ■ **Change #1 DG N.O.S. Segregation**

Issue: To report a Segregation Group for DG N.O.S. cargo for which no default segregation group is defined.

Solution: Usage of an FTX segment, same solution as PROTECT has already agreed for the IFTDGN:

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

#### ■ **Change #2 UNNO Suffix**

Issue: The UNNO Suffix is a code that describes different combinations of classes, sub-classes, packing groups and technical names for a UN No. It is not part of the official IMDG code, but it is provided in EXIS and is commonly used. - Currently it cannot be reported.

Solution: Usage of an FTX segment: `FTX+AAC++UNNO SUFFIX+12'`

#### ■ **Change #3 Emergency Contact**

Issue: The phone number, the name and a reference for both the main and the alternative emergency contact have to be reported.

Solution: In data element C056:3413 (Department or employee name code)

→ Change User Attribute from 'X' to 'O' and add the Note: *Emergency contact reference*

#### ■ **Change #4 Measurement Unit**

Add two measurement unit codes MTQ (cubic metre) and FTQ (cubic foot) in de.C174 in the MEA segment.

## Status

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- The change requests were agreed between the GA lines.
- The change requests were presented on the TBG3 meeting in Berlin in June 2011. There were no objections.

### ■ Next steps

After the SMDG meeting, we will prepare the new IFTMBF manual in a version 1.3 including the four changes, and distribute it to the lines currently using it (HL, NYK, OOCL, Hamburg-Sud).