



61st SMDG Meeting in Marseille

IFTMBF Status

Purpose

■ Message Usage

Commonly the IFTMBF Edifact message is used for a booking from a customer to a shipping line.

However in the SMDG context, it is used for a different purpose namely the exchange of

DG bookings between Shipping Lines

where one Shipping Lines uses the space on a vessel operated by another Line.

It is sent from the Container Operator (the Carrier that booked the container) to the Vessel Operator. The Vessel Operator will usually reply with a confirmation or a reject message.

■ Responsibility for the message

Before the reorganization of the UN/CEFACT committees TBG3 was the responsible body for this message.

Since October 2011 the ***SMDG has taken responsibility for this message.***

Status

■ Latest Version 1.3.1

The MIG Version 1.3.1 based on D.00B was published on the SMDG Website in December 2012. It covers all change requests until that date.

Major changes in this version:

- The MIG is now referred to as SMDG because it is no longer limited to be used within the GA.
- The FTX at DGS level for specification of the UNNO Suffix Code was changed. It now refers to the structured 4-character Coded Variant as provided by Exis Technologies.

■ Usage

This MIG is currently used by HL, NYK, OOCL, Hamburg-Süd and Hyundai.
Next candidates from HL perspective are CMA, MOL, CSAV and APL.
Every EDI Partner Line is welcome!

Next Steps

■ Requests for enhancement

Following data items are missing in the current MIG and should be added in the next version:

- **Fumigation Details:**

- Date + Time of Fumigation

- Type + Amount of the Fumigation substance

- **Excepted Quantities**

- Very small quantities of certain Dangerous Goods may be transported as "Dangerous Goods in Excepted Quantities.

- New qualifier needed. Similar to "Limited Quantities"

■ Timeline

It is not yet planned when the next version 1.4 will be developed. Awaiting further experience from implementation with more EDI partners.