



**Meeting # 62
Rotterdam, October 16, 2013.**



1. Opening

Simon opens the meeting at 09:30 hrs and welcomes the participants on behalf of our hosts, the Rotterdam Port Authority.

2. Roll Call

The participants know each other very well and there is no need for introductions. Special welcome to Frans Jol, who now represents TIL. Today he participates as a guest.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of meeting # 61 in Marseille were adopted without any amendments.

4. Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

5. Announcements

1. MSC Brazil cancelled their membership since Marcello left the company. Membership fee for 2013 is unpaid.
2. James Douglas of Exis Technologies send his apologies for not being able to attend this time. He sent a list of organisations that downloaded the CVL to the secretariat.
3. Emanuel Odartey was unable to obtain a visa for the Netherlands and cannot attend. SMDG Secretariat has made an effort to assist Emanuel, unfortunately in vain!
4. The secretary received an e-mail message from Patrick Straka, in which he expresses his interest in our work and his willingness to return to the level of presence that Jacco had. The SMDG Secretariat will send the minutes by e-mail to his attention.
5. We have decided to start releasing 'Newsletters' and the first attempt was already placed on the SMDG website under the new heading 'Newsletters'. Take a look at <http://www.smdg.org/newsletters/>
6. It was also decided to issue a press release covering topics like SMDG 20 years, BAPLIE 3.0 and other topics, as they are considered relevant and of interest to a larger audience. Frans will send the addresses of the various journals to the secretariat.
7. It was suggested to offer a new service to the public for testing messages. The secretary will investigate the possibilities and costs involved.
8. It was also suggested to start tracking the downloading of SMDG message documentation to find out who are the interested parties of our work.
9. Unfortunately the number of members is decreasing. This is not only a financial problem but it also indicates that the work of SMDG is not appreciated enough (underestimated?). In the end, if SMDG should cease to exist, there is no other organization available to maintain and publish the message documentation. This clearly is a P.R. problem. Suggestions: Issue and distribute Newsletters to a wider audience, Explain more clearly why organizations must want to be a member, Speak on conferences. Any other suggestion will be welcomed.



6. BAPLIE 3.0

Jost explains the results of the work of the subgroup.

The message is now based on directory D13A, which is the latest released directory today, and the message implementation guideline (MIG) is now available on the SMDG website in its final trial version. SMDG we now recommend to start implementation of this new MIG.

The new codes lists for Handling Codes, Blocking Codes and for DGS-ATT will be moved to the SMDG Code List section. The Handling Codes may be used for other messages than BAPLIE 3.0.

The MIG for BAPLIE 3.0 now lists also the differences with the BAPLIE 2 version. AN extensive number of use cases and examples are now also given. It was agreed that next to the PDF version of the MIG also a Browser version will be made available on the SMDG website.

7. BAPLIE for RAIL and BARGE

Robert explains that a project for Rail is now on the waiting list and will be started as soon as the planning allows for same. Paul also confirms that there are some questions about BAPLIE for barges, but nothing materialized so far.

If implementation of BAPLIE for Rail or Barge is being considered then it will probably be recommendable to use the BAPLIE 3.0 version. Gerry will work on the development of BAPLIE 3.0 for Rail and thereafter Barge.

8. MOVINS

It was agreed that the development of MOVINS 3.0 will now start. Jost will chair this subgroup, which will have the same members as the subgroup for BAPLIE 3.0.

One of the first topics to discuss is whether the new MOVINS 3.0 can be replaced by BAPLIE 3.0, obviously with a new MIG reflecting the requirements of a stowage instructions message, instead of a vessel status message (Bayplan). Some stowage centers are now already using BAPLIE 2 for the transmission of stowage instructions for loading and therefore it might be possible to use BAPLIE 3.0 to transmit stowage instructions also.



9. Container Messages

Philippe is now chairing the subgroup Container Messages.

Following the BAPLIE 3.0 development, which has now resulted in a final draft MIG, the next message to be updated will be MOVINS. Paul suggests to start the upgrading work of the Container Messages, which he considers very important, without delay. Wolfgang suggests to wait until the MOVINS 3.0 is finished, so that sufficient attention can be given by all active members to the development process. He fears that doing too much at once degrades the quality of the deliverables.

Everyone, however, may start the inventory of any message and present the results to the sub-group at any time.

10. Code Lists

The SMDG code lists belonging to the BAPLIE 3.0 message are currently located on the Ship Planning pages of the SMDG website. It was agreed that these code lists should be located on the code lists pages.

Gerry, who maintains the code lists, is requested to notify all SMDG members about an updated code list. Also the version number should be added to the description so that you can immediately see if a new version is available.

Furthermore a request was made to include in all lists a column for 'creation date' and a 'deactivation date'. The deactivation date must remain blank until we decide to deactivate a certain code. The code will remain in the code list, but it will be clearly marked as 'deactivated' and it should not be used any more.

11. ITIGG Activities

Yoshi presents the status of the ITIGG deliverables. It appears that currently no one is working for ITIGG. Participants conclude that ITIGG is no longer required and Simon, as chairman of SMDG, will contact UN/Cefact to obtain the authority for the messages currently controlled by SMDG.

Yoshi agreed that SMDG continues to maintain & upgrade the documents related to 'COXXXX', BAPLIE and MOVINS. On the other hand, Yoshi believes that the IFTXXX messages should be maintained by 'T&L WG' for the users in the transport community, trade community and etc. Yoshi will raise this idea at the next T&L WG in Paris on November. Same as SMDG, PROTECT should also be responsible for IFTDGN & BERMAN messages.

See Yoshi's presentation on the SMDG website.



12. IFTSAI

Michael and Robert present the latest development and issues with this message. See the presentation on the website. The latest MIG has version # 3 and will be published after the directory D13B is available. It was agreed to move the IFTSAI MIG 2.0 to the 'Older Documentation' section of the SMDG website. Presentation to follow.

13. IFTMBF

Michael presents the proposed changes to the MIG of this message. This message is being used as a formal booking to be transmitted by the exporter (or forwarder) to the shipping line. It is also used by shipping lines as co-loaders to transmit information about IMDG cargo to the vessel operator.

Question about the IFTDGN message, controlled by PROTECT: How can this message handle multiple DG-items in one package?

His presentation will follow.

14. TPFREP

Michael presents the results of the subgroup meeting held yesterday. Presentation to follow.

15. INVOIC

Robert presents the latest status and refers to a code request in connection with a clause on the invoice in conformity with the EU regulations.

"VAT-exempt according to article 146 of the EU VAT Directive"

Presentation to follow.

16. TANSTA

No news, no known interested parties.

17. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Dubai on 15 and 16 April 2014. Invitation by DPW Dubai.



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18. Future meetings

We await invitations for October 2014.

19. Any Other Business?

No questions or remarks were made.

20. Closing

The chairman closed the meeting.

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