



63rd SMDG Meeting in Dubai

IFTMBF for DG bookings between Shipping Lines

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 the MIG with the special purpose.***

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. Tests are ongoing with CMACGM.

Next candidates from HL perspective are MOL, CSAV and APL.

Every EDI Partner Line is welcome!

Change Requests approved

■ On the SMDG meeting in October 2013 the following changes were approved for the IFTMBF MIG

- Fumigation Details will be added
- ETD at POL will be added
- CFR49 cargo – rules for transmission will be included
- DG Excepted Quantities will be added

■ Following change was not approved

- Combining / Related Cargo Items
The proposal was found too complex, and it should be further aligned with IFTDGN

Next Steps

- Develop the enhanced MIG
- Publish as version 1.4 (based on directory D.00B) on the SMDG website
- Work on a solution for Combining / Related Cargo Items



Thank you