

# SOLAS Verified Gross Mass

Working group activity report April-Sept. 2015

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Malta, 29/30. Sept. 2015

# Malmö: Affected Edifact Messages

- **BAPLIE** – vessel stowage plan      terminal → master
- **COPARN** - container announcemt.    line → terminal
- **COPRAR** – container loading order   line → terminal  
    container booking info      line → vessel operator
- **CODECO** – container gate/in      terminal → line
- **COARRI** – container load report    terminal → line
- not SMDG-----
- **IFTMxx** – booking messages      shipper → line

## joint *task force* of SMDG subgroups

- BAPLIE / MOVINS
- Container Messages
- Code Lists
- ... VERMAS



- business professionals

8 meetings ...



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# Results (1)

## SMDG activity: BAPLIE Stowage Plan and MOVINS

	Existing message		New message version including VGM		Publication
Purpose	Version	Directory	Version	Directory	
Stowage plan	BAPLIE 2.0.7	D.95B	BAPLIE 2.2 for both	D.95B	July 2015
	BAPLIE 2.1.1	D.95B			
	BAPLIE 3.0	D.13B	BAPLIE 3.1	D.13B	July 2015
Move instructions	MOVINS		no new version, VGM not needed in MOVINS		

# Results (2)

## SMDG activity: COxxxx Container Messages

Purpose	Existing message		New message version including VGM		Publication
	Version	Directory	Version	Directory	
pre arrival notice to the terminal	COPARN SMDG 2.0	D.00B	COPARN SMDG 2.1	D.00B	August 2015
	COPARN ITIGG 1.4	D.95B	COPARN SMDG 1.6	D.95B	October 2015
load list to the terminal	COPRAR SMDG 2.0	D.00B	COPRAR SMDG 2.1	D.00B	August 2015
	COPRAR SMDG 1.2	D.95B	COPRAR SMDG 1.6	D.95B	October 2015
gate-in confirmation from terminal to carrier	CODECO SMDG 2.0	D.00B	CODECO SMDG 2.1	D.00B	August 2015
	CODECO ITIGG 1.4	D.95B	CODECO SMDG 1.6	D.95B	October 2015
load report from terminal to carrier	COARRI SMDG 2.0	D.00B	COARRI SMDG 2.1	D.00B	August 2015
	COARRI SMDG 1.2	D.95B	COARRI SMDG 1.6	D.95B	October 2015



# Results (3)

- 6 new codes in Edifact directory
- New SMDG Code List **VGM**

<u>Code</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>SHP</b>	Shipper	Party responsible to obtain the verified gross mass (in SOLAS referred to as "shipper of the packed container")
<b>DRF</b>	Documentation reference	Reference to documentation of gross mass verification according to SOLAS regulations
<b>SM1</b>	SOLAS Regulation 2 Chapter VI §§4-6, method 1	Gross Mass Verification by weighing the packed container
<b>SM2</b>	SOLAS Regulation 2 Chapter VI §§4-6, method 2	Gross Mass Verification by weight of goods transported and container's tare weight

# Results (4)

- New message **VERMAS** to be developed
- Design by a separate subgroup chaired by Michael Schröder (separate presentation)

*From a memo to all members of World Shipping Council (WSC)*

## **EDI messages in support of implementation of the SOLAS requirements**

As mentioned in the WSC June 2015 Issues Update, a joint carrier-terminal operator initiative within **SMDG** has been developing amended, new UN EDIFACT message sets to assist the industry in exchanging verified container weight information, including verified weight certificates issued on behalf of shippers, pursuant to the SOLAS requirements.

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The BAPLIE MIGs as well as the MIGs for the Container Messages can be accessed at: <http://www.smdg.org/documents/>

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# IFTMBF and IFTMIN

- Draft amendment based on D.99B developed by Yoshi, Roberts is available
- Add description to transmit 3 VGM items
  - **VGM** (MEA segment)
  - **weighing party** - party which has ascertained VGM (NAD segment)
  - **method used** (FTX segment)
- SMDG VGM-group recommends to use the amended MIGs (to be published by INTTRA)

# VGM Status Summary end Sept. 2015

- Amended MIGs BAPLIE, Container Messages v2 have been published on SMDG website, Container Messages v1.6 will follow soon
- Amended MIGs IFTMBF, IFTMIN reviewed and accepted; to be published by INTTRA
- New message VERMAS to be developed
- Establishment of an SMDG Validation Portal under discussion
- Potential updates of amended MIGs to be discussed in further meetings

**Many thanks to all participants  
for their contributions!**