



USER GROUP FOR SHIPPING LINES AND CONTAINER TERMINALS

## Process Day – VGM Experience – 3<sup>rd</sup> Day

6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 from 09.00 to 17.00 at Steigenberger Hotel, Hamburg, Germany, Room Galleria  
Admission is free, but registration is required.

Please indicate separately your participation in this special VGM meeting when registering to the SMDG. <http://www.smdg.org/index.php/meetings/next-meeting/registration/>

Registered participants are shown on: <http://www.smdg.org/index.php/meetings/next-meeting/>

### Outline

This Forum offers a presentation and discussion platform to participants from Ocean Carriers / Terminals / Software Providers in the maritime industry.

Short presentations are held by stakeholders from different industry sectors. Each participant is invited to present, but not mandatory.

Please register your subject and time of presentation to [BRUIS.VAN.DRIEL@apmterminals.com](mailto:BRUIS.VAN.DRIEL@apmterminals.com)

### Main topic: VGM / Process and procedure

After 3 months of experience with VGM, the main discussion items at this Process Day will be:

- Global VGM rollout status / feedback on implementation
- Major challenges – past & current
- What is missing for a full functional implementation across the board, what do we need to make it happen and what is the timeline
- Country specific legal VGM requirements and consequences for data transmission
- Respect of SMDG standards

### Secondary topic: Introduction to Process understanding Terminals / Carriers / VSA/ On Board

While focusing on the VGM issues, we would like to start the discussions on the below processes that will be followed up within the frame of the next SMDGs meetings.

This is to lay down the necessary foundation to improve efficiency and cooperation between all stakeholders (carriers/ vessels/ terminals/ Software providers, Operations/ commercials/ agents/ Cargo Flows/ agents/ finance/ seafarer/ process managers/ software developers/ Project managers) through streamered line process, solutions and EDI messages.

- Common process of operations (general to any companies and/or agencies). What are the main challenges and how to overcome them?
- Difference between forecast and its use and load list and its use  
Common process of VSA (general to every partnership) implies forecast or load list exchange  
Most efficient VSA are mentioning COPRAR as the main format of exchange between carriers. However, they fail to be contractually clear enough on the accuracy and respect of the norms in the contents of those files.  
What is in the COPRAR and how to read it?
- Common process of operation action and reporting before/ during/ after the call:
  - Terminal to carriers
  - Carriers to partners
  - Vessel to carriers
  - Performance report – cargo confirmation list.....

Information flow will always pass through 3rd party software, supporting the process for any stakeholder: Stowage planning system at the carrier, Terminal Operation System, Loading computer on board.

## **AGENDA**

### **05/10/2016**

**Networking event right after the SMDG plenary session:  
Steigenberger Hotel, Hamburg, Germany, ET 16:00 till 18:00**

### **06/10/2016**

**09.00 Welcome Opening Speech by Mr. Arthur Touzot**

**09.15 – 10.30 Presentations + Discussions**

**10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break**

**11.00 – 12.30 Presentations + Discussions**

**12.30 – 13.30 Lunch break**

**13.30 – 15.00 Presentations + Discussions**

**15:00– 15.30 Coffee break**

**15:30– 17:00 Final discussion, Summary by the host**

**17:00 Closing**