

Code List Berth Identifiers

SMDG#77 Minutes

<p>Code List Berth Identifiers 19/04/2023 13:30 – 14:00</p>	<p>Michael SCHRÖDER first question is the following: do we need that ? He does a quick reminder about what is a berth identifier, detailing the difference with terminal.</p> <p>UN Locode describes one city and one port based on administrative city. Terminal codes maintained by SMDG are dedicated to terminals.</p> <p>Berth is the space occupied by one vessel at the pier. The size of the berth does not depend on the vessel size. Michael is giving some examples of current berth identifiers. Today each terminal has its own way to identify berth, no unified code exists.</p> <p>Michael SCHRÖDER starts the discussion with the audience, to get some feedback about: is it needed or not. For both carriers, port authorities, terminal, such code list is not required, and they do not express interest in it.</p> <p>This is the conclusion of the discussion: no real interest for the industry. The idea is to develop a SMDG position paper as next step. In case there is a need seen for a global standard the SMDG might consider to enhance the existing Terminal Code accordingly.</p>	<p>Decision : No need to create Code List Berth Identifiers.</p> <p>Decision: The SMDG will develop a position paper on Berth Identifiers, which summarizes the arguments brought forward and explains why a global standard is not required.</p> <p>In case that in future there is a need seen for a global standard the SMDG might consider to enhance the existing Terminal Code accordingly.</p>	<p>Michael SCHRÖDER <i>Hapag-Lloyd</i></p>
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