SHIPPLANNING MESSAGE DEVELOPMENT GROUP HELD AT UNITCENTRE ROTTERDAM 23rd MAY 1991

The meeting was opened by Simon Spoormaker who welcomed all present and extended apologies for members who are unable to attend.

J. Hoogvliet welcomed the members of the meeting and stated his companies commitment to EDI and to the bayplan scenario.

Introductions were made all round as a number of new members were present.

The agenda as proposed on the fax advise of the meeting was accepted, it was agreed that any additions would be covering under any other business.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were put before the members present and with a number of amendments agreed.

3. Announcements

At the meeting of the Joint Rapporteurs in San Francisco in April it was agreed that the bayplan could be progressed to status 1 in September provided it was amended in line with the latest amendments to the UN segment directory 91.1 this was confirmed by the Western European Transport MD2 meeting in May, the transport group having to accept the decision to adopt the UN directory 91.1. The effect of this change would be that any system being put forward for a status 1 would need to be reworked in line with the new directory. The effect on the bayplan would be to increase the number of segments overall as some segments had been split, the actual structure of the message would remain the same.

It was felt that the feelings of the committee in respect to these changes to the directory structure should be made known and put forward to the Edifact Board by Simon Spoormaker and Kurt Geiser. The opinion of the committee was that the practical requirements of users must override theoretical and minor changes. As there was no choise in the acceptance of the upgrade to 91.1 the bayplan had been updated prior to the meeting.

At the meeting in San Francisco the Americans requested a change in the name of the bayplan scenario to include stowage plan. As this was only a cosmetic detail it had been included in the latest rewrite. It was pointed out that the UNSM would remain BAPLIE/BAPLTE.

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5. Bayplan User Manual

It was explained to the committee that this document had not been changed in line with the changes to the bayplan, but that a new manual would be produced in the next 4 to 6 weeks, which would also include a section on feeder vessels. There was some interest being shown by other sections of the Shipping Industry, and it was felt that the bayplan should accommodate more than one method of indicating stowage position.

It was decided that after status 1 the User Manual would be updated for the stowage of Ro-Ro vessels with the addition of an appendix.

It was requested that a reference table of codes be included in the User Manual. It was agreed that rather than include all codes in the User Manual that a page would be dedicated to informing the user of the source of the codes used and in what documents to find them.

6. Stowage Instructions

P. Mijnsbergen handed out two sets of papers being the latest version of the Instruction Message and the the User Manual for same, as had evolved from the meetings of the sub-committee, with changes made in line with the UN meeting in San Francisco.

The draft message had been prepared with a view to attempting to obtain status 0 by September. The main part of the message was identical to the bayplan, the differences becoming apparrent in group 2 where the HAN segment depicted the action required to apply to a particular location on a vessel, as opposed to the bayplan which indicated the position occupied by a particular named container.

J. Hoogvliet clarified the position in regard to out of gauge containers and unusable stowage locations.

It was agreed that the stowage instruction structure was acceptable and that a new version of the User Manual would be sent out as soon as possible to all members, with any comments on both to be returned to the chairman by 1st July 1991 for amendments to made prior to submitting the document to the September meeting. No date was set for a further Sub-Committee meeting as it was felt that it would be more constructive to await member comments first.

7. Any other business

Derek Smith of FLX asked for assistance in setting up a trial of Baplie as they had a requirement to be able to transfer bayplan information between terminals with a common customer base. Hamburg and Bremerhaven showed interest in this trial and it was agreed that the version 91.1 should be used over a modem. .../4

F. Schwarz presented a copy of the international transport forwarders and invoice message to the meeting making copies available as required. This was the message mentioned in the previous meeting by Kurt Geiser and was to be put forward to the meeting in Brussels the following week.

A request was made by N. lanson, in light of experience in using the bayplan 1.2, for a message to be developed to show the present status of a vessels tank condition. This information was normally associated with the bayplan but as tanks could not be seen a static condition they could not be included in that message. It was pointed out that this information was a requirement of both the terminals and the lines to be able to produce the most up to date stability condition of the vessel. This message was not thought to be a difficult message to develop and P. Mijnsbergen agreed to produce a message to cover internal tank condition by the next meeting.

The next meeting of the committee was confirmed for 19th September at Hapag Lloyd in Hamburg.

The next but one meeting was arranged to be held in Felixstowe the 1st week in December 1991.

The meeting closed at 15.35 hrs. with thanks being passed to Unitcentre for their hospitality.

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