Minutes of the 37th SMDG meeting in Shenzhen
Coordinator
Shenzhen Container Transportation EDI Co.

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SHENZHEN WUZHOU GUEST HOUSE

1. Introduction speeches

Make introduction of distinguished guest By Ph.D. Hu, the Assistant Director of Shenzhen Transportation Bureau

Speech by Ms. Wang Shuiming, Vice Mayor of Shenzhen.

Speech by the Ministry of Communications of P.R.C., Mr. Wang Wengui

2. Opening

The meeting was opened by the chairman, Simon Spoormaker.

The chairman thanks Shenzhen Container Transportation EDI Co. for coordinating the meeting.

3. Roll call

All attendees introduce themselves and their company.

4. Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

5. Notes from the chairman, Simon Spoormaker (ECT)

The chairman welcomes new participants from all over the world.

He thanks the sponsors and especially Mr. Zhou Jie for their hard work in getting this meeting organized.

6. Presentations

Presentation by Dr. Hu about EDI developments in Shenzhen.

Presentation by Mr. Wu Of SZEDI.
Download this presentation **SMDG(SZEDI).ZIP.**

Presentation by Mr. Wu, Shekou Container Terminal.
Download his presentation **IT-SCT.ZIP**.

7. Minutes of the 36th SMDG meeting of October 2000 (Melbourne).

The minutes were adopted.

8. Meeting procedures

The chairman explains the meeting procedures and informs the participants about some specific events, like lunch, diner, coffee breaks and the port tour on Friday.
The secretary asks all participants to enter their names on the list of participants.

9. BAPLIE

Gerry Endenburg presents the new BAPLIE 3.0 User Manual.

This version is based on the latest UN/Edifact directory D00B.
Gerry also presents version 2.1 of BAPLIE User Manual. As agreed during the meeting of October 2000 in Melbourne the following CR's were incorporated in this new version:

- Add terminal to the LOC segment, port of discharge.
- All conditional segments to C9 (or C99 or C999, etc.)

Some members asked to be able to send terminal also in the LOC-segment of the port of loading. This request was approved and Gerry will make the necessary changes.

For BAPLIE 3.0 the following proposals were made:

- additional reefer items.
- Optionally add codes in EQD segment to indicate priority discharge (e8249)

During the subgroup meeting a discussion took place about this last proposal. Is BAPLIE the message to transmit stowage instructions, like priority discharge?
Wolf and Derek will prepare a proposal with codes.

The manuals are all available on the SMDG website www.smdg.org. Your comments will be appreciated.

10. MOVINS

Gerry asked members about their experiences with MOVINS. Members, who are actually using the messages, are satisfied with the functionality. Terminal planners can save a lot of time, whilst the central planners of the carriers can send their planning electronically, which saves them a lot of time too. Moreover, errors and questions can be avoided.
There are some problems with the matching of the planning with the loading list. There can be weight differences, for example, which can perhaps be avoided when weight categories will be used, instead of accurate weights, which may differ from the weight on the loading list.

11. Container Messages

Gerry presents the results of the subgroup meeting container messages.

New User's Guides available for:

- COARRI 2.0
- COPRAR 2.0
- COPARN
- CODECO
- COPINO

Discussions:

- COPARN vs IFTMBC
- COPARN vs COREOR

Considerations:

- COPARN = container level (pre-arrival Notification to Terminal) = also release order for full and empty containers
- IFTMBC = goods level (booking confirmation). Currently a copy will be sent to terminal to act as empty release order instead of COPARN
- SMDG and ITIGG recommend only COPARN for this function!
- Proposal to use IFTMBC and/or COPARN will be sent to ITIGG by P&O Ports
- COREOR = Container Release Order (for full containers only)
- Proposal to cancel this message was declined
- Proposal to use for empty as well will be sent to ITIGG by the UK delegation

Member assistance needed:
Check contents of UG's and report errors, ommissions, etc.

Current status (see also SMDG website for upgrades):

- COPRAR and COARRI (Jacco Bruijnes)
- COPARN and CODECO (Karl Zlotkovski)
- COPINO (Gerry Endenburg)
- COEDOR (Frederic Keymeulen)
- COREOR: Currently not available in view of the discussions about COPARN vs COREOR
- Karl will develop format to be used by all Message developers (EDISIM profile). Using Karl's format ensures uniformity of documentation format. Format not available yet.
- ITIGG scenario must be updated and discussed in next meeting. Members to send proposed scenarios to Gerry for publication on the SMDG website.
- Karl will upgrade the "Guide to UN/Edifact Container Messages V1.3 of June 97 (DM4/103V13)
- VESDEP: Karl will upgrade this message to D00B.
- CALINF: There are overlaps with IFTSAI. Wolf will try to integrate the functions of both messages into IFTSAI.

12. eBXml

Simon explains the current situation with eBXml. Before we can actually go ahead and develop messages in eBXml a Business Process Catalogue and the Core Components must be developed. The development will be finalized in an eBXml meeting in Seattle, USA. Simon will co-chair this meeting and report back in the next SMDG meeting. Hopefully the list will be available in September 2001.

Gerry repeats his presentation about XML.
Download his presentation here. (Thefuture.zip 1.0 mb)

13. BERMAN

Yoshi Kito presents the latest developments of BERMAN.

Yoshi explains the current situation: He has prepared DMR's for necessary changes. APERAK must be used to confirm and approve the BERMAN message. TPFREP should be used to report the used time.

Currently BERMAN is not mandatory. It is in fact the first UN/Edifact message which has been accepted in Japan. Also implementations are planned in Spain and Poland. New User's Guide will be published soonest possible.

Download his presentation here. (berman.zip 346kb)

14. Invoicing

Derek Ferguson presents the results of the subgroup meeting.

He proposes to recommend INVOIC (and not IFTFCC). This proposal was accepted, hence INVOIC will be the SMDG recommended invoice message.
Derek will prepare the INVOIC User's Guide and it will be published on the SMDG websitge around 15/5.
Derek proposes to make a link from the SMDG website to the UN/ECE code list.

Download Derek's presentation here. (invsubgrp.zip)

15. TPFREP

Patrick Chan presents his proposal for new codes.

DMR's have been prepared by him.

A new subgroup has now been formed for TPFREP with the following members:
Patrick Chan (Chairman)
Wolf Retzko
Hamzam

Patrick draws our attention to a collision in the V3.0! A DMR must be prepared to correct this.

16. Codes subgroup

Phillip Walsh reports the results of the codes subgroup meeting.

Shipping line codes (mastercodes)
It was agreed to publish a list with operator codes (3 char) with all lines and a indicator 'Regional' or 'Global'. With this indicator we can filter the regional operators (feeder lines) from the global operators.

Commodity codes
A code list with 'Nature of cargo' codes (3 char) will be prepared.

Terminal codes
This is in fact a 'Facility' code (max. 8 char). Phillip will prepare a list of codes and member terminals are requested to send their preferred code to him by e-mail.

Vessel codes
SMDG recommends Lloyds code and/or call sign.

Vessel voyage format
There is still no agreement on the format and further discussions are put on hold.
Currently we can only agree on the maximum length of the voyage number: 5 chars. In certain areas longer voyage numbers are not allowed. This proposal was accepted.

17. SHPDAT

Jost Muller demonstrates SHPDAT message in Edifact and XML format.

It appears that the XML version of SHPDAT is about 2 x the size of the corresponding Edifact message. However, with a 'Style sheet' it is readable. A DTD is also required. Jost shows and explains the DTD he has developed for SHPDAT. In his experience it is not difficult to go from Edifact to XML. The size of the resulting XML file will be influenced by the set up of the DTD.

Jost will now prepare User's Guides for the Edifact and XML version, as well as for the codes.
He will also prepare example files for Edifact message, XML message, Style Sheet, DTD and the Business Process Catalogue. All these documents will be published shortly on the SMDG website.

Jost also explains the function of the message:
It is intended to give the full ship's description, from the shipyard to the lines and from the lines to the terminals. Software vendors, like Navis and Cosmos (both present in this meeting), will cooperate and develop the required software to handle this message.

18. IFTSAI

Wolf Retzko presents the IFTSAI message.

IFTSAI is becoming more and more public

- Number of Implementations are increasing

- Shipping lines focus on EDI with customers first because they are being forced to do so
- Schedule publishing companies

Next steps:

- EDI of IFTSAI with terminals and port communities

Shenzhen was the first Asian port which implemented IFTSAI. This is a step in the right direction.
Question:
where shall we show FCL/LCL facilities ??
Recommendation:
FCL/LCL facilities are kind of sub-locations to be shown in Grp 5 LOC segment C553 Related place/location two identification e 3233 AN..70

Shall we merge IFTSAI with CALINF ?
Recommendation : N O
Both messages should be kept separate because the functions are different:

- IFTSAI = schedule information

- CALINF = ETA and expected cargo operation and cargo quantities Vessel dimension information (draft/width/length etc)

Wolf gives a general warning:
Do not change or merge messages of which you do not understand background or function by just looking at segments. One change means one or more extra possibility to use and not less.

Finally he asks all members to implement this message as soon as possible to the benefit of us all!

19. Subgroups

Gerry checks members of the subgroups. Here are the results:

SHPDAT:
Jost Muller (Chairman)
Gerry Endenburg
Wolfgang Henczi
Paul Finley

P.R.:
Derek Dubber (Chairman)
Frans Jol

Code Lists:
Phillip Walsh (Chairman)
Karl Zlotkowski
Jacco Bruijnes

INVOIC:
Derek Ferguson (Chairman)
Hamzam Yunnus
Heidi Stemler
Hamzam Yunnus
Mogan Ramalingam

IFTSAI:
Wolf Retzko (Chairman)
Karl Zlotkowski
Frans Jol
David Cook
Peter Thurgood
Steven de Jaeger
Yoshi Kito
Chung Suat Lay
Derek Ferguson
Hamzam Yunnus
Mogan Ramalingam

BAPLIE/MOVINS:
Gerry Endenburg (Chairman)
Derek Ferguson
Wolf Retzko
Hamzam Yunnus
Mogan Ramalingam

Container Messages:
Gerry Endenburg (Chairman)
Jacco Bruijnes
Karl Zlotkowski
Frederic van Keymeulen
Steven de Jaeger
Malcolm Birse
Heidi Stemler
Peter Thurgood
Simon Spoormaker
Sven-Inge Lindgren
Derek Ferguson
Jessie Lum

Yoshi Kito
Wolf Retzko
Hamzam Yunnus
Azman Murli

eBXml:
Karl Zlotkowski (Chairman)
Jacco Bruijnes
Gerry Endenburg
Simon Spoormaker
William Leng
Greg Ross
Eija Aspelin
Malcolm Birse
Mario Scimone
Jost Muller
Wolf Retzko
Hamzam Yunnus
Azman Murli
Mogan Ramalingam

20. Tradegate

Phillip Walsh gives a presentation about the current progress of Tradegate Australia.

21. IFTMBC and IFTMBF

Wolf Retzko gives a presentation about the current use of the above mentioned messages for booking and booking confirmation. He proposes SMDG to adopt these messages, because they are of utmost importance for many global carriers.

Wolf is supported by various representatives of the lines. Before taking a decision a subgroup should investigate the implications. The following members applied for membership of this subgroup: Wolf (chair), Jacco, Yoshi, Hamzam, David.

22. MISC presentation about ebXML

Mogan Ramalingam gives an interesting presentation about ebXML.
Download his presentation here: MISCebxml.zip (419k).

23. Curacao

Presentation by Franklin Theodora about Curacao, host of SMDG's next meeting.

Download his presentation here: curacao1_1.zip (2,4mb)

http://www.smdg.org/meetings/4-2001-shenzhen/minutes/minutes37.htm   11-5-01

All information will be made available on the SMDG website.
The meeting will take place on 5-6-7 September, 2001.

24. Future meetings

2001 September 5, 6 and 7 Willemstad Curacao
2002 March/April Cardiff UK (to be confirmed)
2002 October Nagoya Japan
2003 March/April Europe
2003 Sept/October Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

25. Any Other Business

No topics were proposed.

26. Shenzhen Logistics Forum

Various speakers gave presentations about logistics in China.

27. Closing
The chairman closed the meeting, thanking Shenzhen Container Transportation EDI Co. for their hospitality and excellent organization of this meeting.

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Registered participants

1	Autoship Systems Corporation	Jian Xu
2	Cosmos	Gerry Endenburg
3	Curacao Port Services Inc.	Franklin B. Theodora
4	Dubai Ports Authority	D. Malcolm Birse
5	ECT	Simon Spoormaker
6	Gulftainer Co. Ltd	Tony Danesh
7	Hapag-Lloyd Container Line	Wolf-Dietrich Retzko
8	HHLA Hamburg	Heidi Stemler
9	HHLA-Hamburg	Wolfgang Henczi
10	Hong Kong International Terminals Ltd.	Frank Kho
11	Hong Kong International Terminals Ltd.	Poon Kai Man
12	Hong Kong International Terminals Ltd.	Sam Shan Yk
13	K-Line (Europe) Ltd.	Radoslaw Majerski
14	La Spezia Container Terminal	Mario Scimone
15	Maersk Benelux B.V.	Jan N. Bruijnes
16	Maersk China Shipping Co.	Frank Chen
17	Maersk China Shipping Co.	Jeremy Xie
18	Malaysia International Shipping Corporation	Azhar Alias
19	Malaysia International Shipping Corporation	Hamzam Mohamad Yuunus
20	Malaysia International Shipping Corporation	Mohd Noor Azman Murli
21	Malaysia International Shipping Corporation	R. Moganadass Ramalingam
22	MCP Plc.	Peter Thurgood
23	Modern Terminals	Cheung Wing Hing
24	Modern Terminals	Lai Wing Cheung
25	Modern Terminals	Uvais Muhammad Shaikna Lebbai
26	Mueller+Blanck Software GmbH	Jost Mueller
27	Nagoya Port Authority	Yoshiyuki Kumazawa
28	NEC Software Chugoku Ltd.	Hisashi Shima
29	Nomura Research Institute	Toru Aoyama
30	NSRI London Branch	D.G. Ferguson
31	OOCL	Elvis Tam
32	OOCL	Jessie Lum
33	OOCL	Stephen Yu
34	P&O Nedlloyd Ltd.	Frank Cole
35	P&O Ports	Patrick Chan
36	Port of Gothenborg	Sven-Inge Lindgren

37	Qingdao Qianwan Container Terminal Ltd.	Alice Lang
38	Qingdao Qianwan Container Terminal Ltd.	Grace Liu
39	Research Institute	Maji Miko
40	Salerno Container Terminal	Frans Jol
41	Seagha Belgium	Frederic Keymeulen
42	Shekou Container Terminals	Han Ming Guang
43	Shekou Container Terminals	Wu Shao Cong
44	Shenzhen	Zhou Jie
45	Shenzhen Bitran Information	Zhang Zhi Mao
46	Shenzhen C.T. EDI Center	Lee Zhanrong
47	Shenzhen C.T. EDI Center	Liang Zhaokong
48	Total Soft Bank	Ken Son
49	Total Soft Bank	Mike Yang
50	Tradegate ECA Ltd.	Phillip Walsh
51	Wave	Yoshio Kito