



TSN MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORT April 2011

TRADE SUPPORT NETWORK (TSN) COMMITTEE UPDATES

Cargo Release Validation Status Update

A cargo release status session was held on May 3, 2011 with CBP, PGA, and trade ambassador participants. CBP presented the status of the cargo release requirement development project which was completed on April 29th. CBP provided the trade with a GIF Mapping Report which lists the trade's cargo release user requirement GIFs that are in scope for cargo release, and those that are not in scope for cargo release. CBP distributed this mapping report along with the Cargo Release CONOPS asking the TSN Trade Committee Co-Chairs to distribute the list to their full committees. Comments are due to CBP by June 3. CBP is now preparing a cargo release acquisition package for the cargo release contract proposal and developing more detailed functional requirements for the cargo release functionality.

Account Management Committee

While the Account Management Committee did not meet during April, Committee members have been active in supporting ACE. Account Management Committee members provided comments to CBP on the Version 3.2 of the ACE Business Rules and Process Document – Trade, Section 9 Post Summary Corrections. Julie Parks and Stuart Schmidt served as panelists for the 2011 Trade Symposium breakout “Using Today’s ACE Capabilities to the Full Potential” on April 13th and 14th. In lieu of a PowerPoint presentation, Julie and Stuart prepared a script which featured Julie as “I M Importer” and Stuart as “M I Your Broker”. The script focused on all aspects of ACE functionality including what does and does not work from the trade’s perspective. Julie and Stuart interjected humor into the script as they walked attendees through how importer and brokers can use the ACE Portal. The Committee would also like to congratulate its new Trade Ambassador as well as the new Trade Ambassador from the Surety Account Subcommittee.

Surety Account Subcommittee

While the Surety Account Subcommittee did not meet during April, Subcommittee members did support the cargo release conference call to discuss the proposed electronic filing and approval process for Single Transaction Bond. The Subcommittee is also preparing a Post Breach Data GIF which covers the need for ACE to recognize the bond breach and provide access to all information that is available in ACE.

Entry Committee & Release Subcommittee

No new business to report for April 2011

On-going issues - The Entry Committee and release subcommittee continue to be involved in reviewing cargo release requirements that are currently being validated by CBP. Amy Magnus represented the Entry Committee and the Release Subcommittee at the cargo release validation session with CBP on February 2 – 3 and will be involved in a follow up review session scheduled for May 3. A spreadsheet report listing all of the entry and release requirements that were deemed in scope for cargo release or out of scope for cargo release was distributed to the trade.

Export Committee

No new business to report for April 2011

On-going issues - A high level "Automated Export Requirements Document" has been prepared and submitted to Cindy Allen, Office of Trade (OT), and Steve Stavinhoa, Office of Field Operations (OFO). This effort was coordinated by Bill Delansky (OT) and Robert Rawls (OFO), and focused on documenting automated export manifest functionality and interfacing export manifest and commodity data. The document incorporated high level automated export processing requirements for CBP, PGAs and the trade community and will be used by CBP management to request funding and resources for this effort. The Export committee provided input to the trade requirements portion of the document and will be available to provide further input as CBP requires more details on these processes.

ITDS Committee

Tim Perry attended the April 21th ITDS Board of Directors Meeting as the trade representative from the TSN ITDS Committee. Several issues related to the trade were discussed at that meeting. Some of the major issues include:

- An update on the Document Image System CBP and the PGAs are testing to support entry and entry summary transactions
- An update on the PGA message and the work the PGAs are doing to translate paper forms into the PGA message set format
- An update on the sea and rail manifest deployment
- An update on the PGA cargo release requirements effort

On-going issues - In reference to the "Automated Export Requirements Document" described above (see Export Committee), the ITDS committee' co-chairs provided input to the trade requirements portion of the document and will be available to participate further as CBP requires more detailed trade input on these processes.

Legal Policy Committee

No new activity to report for April 2011

Liquidation Subcommittee

Awaiting the Liquidation (Bulletin Notice) Portal development timeline from the ACE Business Office and OIT, and the text for a change to 19 CFR 159.9 from Chief Counsel/OR&R.

Multi-Modal Manifest Committee

Next MMM Meeting

The next MMM Committee Meeting will be held in conjunction with the CESAC meeting on July 19th from 2:00 to 4:30 and continued on July 20th, from 9:00 to 12:00 noon at USDA APHIS, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

Cargo Release Work Group

No new activity to report for April 2011

Automated Export Manifest Work Group

After having developed a set of multi-modal automated export manifest user requirements earlier this year, CBP is now developing cost and time estimates for

implementation of a long term, multi-modal, automated export manifest system within ACE. This effort originated following a joint recommendation of the Export, MMM and ITDS committees that export manifest automation be made a priority because it would, among other things,

- 1) Generate significant cost savings to government and industry as compared to the current manual export manifest filing processes, and
- 2) Create the ability for U.S. Government agencies to electronically collect, screen, share and store export manifest data.

Revenue Committee, E- Bond Subcommittee & Drawback Subcommittee

Revenue Committee

No new activity to Report for April 2011

e-Bond Subcommittee

No new activity to report for April 2011

Drawback Subcommittee

No new business to report for April 2011

Supply Chain Security Committee

No new business to report for April 2011.

Transition Committee

No new business to report for April 2011.