



TSN MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORT *January 2011*

TRADE SUPPORT NETWORK (TSN) COMMITTEE UPDATES

Account Management Committee

No new business to Report for January 2011 – Per the status reported below for December 2010 the committee will participate in a trade cargo release requirement validation session on February 2-3, 2011 and updates will be provided in the February monthly report.

As part of the CBP's cargo release requirement re-validation effort, the Account Management Committee met twice in December to review previously submitted GIFs related to cargo release and to make needed updates prior to the January 7, 2011 due date established by CBP. The Surety Account Subcommittee likewise met in December to review previously submitted GIFs related to single transaction bonds (STBs) in the event STBs are automated as part of the cargo release process. The Committee and Subcommittee reviewed a total of 25 GIFs. Updates were made to 12 GIFs. The ITAR Exemptions GIF prepared by the Account Management Committee and the ITAR License GIF prepared by the Entry Committee were combined into a single new GIF. The new ITAR GIF is being submitted in three parts. Part A covers goods subject to license exemptions; Part B covers goods subject to State Department licensing and Part C elaborates on Part B by adding additional functionality utilizing the ACE Portal. Each part may be considered mutually exclusive allowing for staged implementation; however, all three parts are required. A new GIF was prepared requesting the ability to combine data elements from the manifest universe with the cargo entry universe when running ACE reports.

Entry Committee & Release Subcommittee

No new business to Report for January 2011 – Per the status reported below for December 2010 the committee will participate in a trade cargo release requirement validation session on February 2-3, 2011 and updates will be provided in the February monthly report.

As part of the CBP's cargo release requirement re-validation effort, the Entry Committee and the Release Subcommittee met several times in December to review previously submitted GIFs related to cargo release and to make needed updates prior to the January 7, 2011 due date established by CBP. The Entry committee reviewed a total of 15 user requirement/GIFs of which 14 were determined to be cargo release related. One GIF was updated (CSPO-GIF-1088 "Secure Expedited Release Requirement"). The Release subcommittee reviewed a total of 27 user requirement/GIFs all of which were determined to be cargo release related. Two GIFs were updated (CSPO-GIF 629 "CF 3461 Reconfiguration", and CSPO-GIF-630 "In Port in-bond Liability Closure"). This information was included in the trade's cargo release revalidation report submitted to CBP on January 7, 2011.

Export Committee

No new business to report for January 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 as CBP requires more detailed trade input on these processes.

ITDS Committee

Sandra Scott attended the January 20 ITDS Board of Directors Meeting as the trade representative from the TSN ITDS Committee. Sandra, in conjunction with Tim Perry (APL), and Doug Schneider (WCO) briefed the ITDS Board on carrier issues as an information session for the PGAs. Sandra focused on third party logistics providers and how they fit into the import and export process. The briefing was well received by the ITDS Board of Directors

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. The committee is awaiting input from CBP on the requirements document that was submitted in December 2010.

Legal Policy Committee

The committee held a conference call on January 26, 2011 to explore the feasibility of the Entry Committee's GIF on Post Summary Correction (PSC) Visibility. CBP is taking the position that no changes will be made to the PSC functionality currently being developed. The Entry committee will discuss the GIF further but any change for the better is doubtful and the broker community element in the Legal Policy committee is markedly unhappy with the situation.

Multi-Modal Manifest Committee

The Committee will be represented by five members at the February 2-3 "Trade Cargo Release Validation Session" in Alexandria, VA. The representatives included: Tim Perry, Pierre Clement, Michael Young, Randy Carpenter, and Melissa Irmen. A report on the status of the MMM cargo release GIFs presented at the session will be included in the February report.

Next MMM Meeting

- o March 23 from 9 to 4 at USDA APHIS, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD. The Agenda will be distributed in February.

Cargo Release

- Having met four times in December 2010 to prepare for the Feb. 2-3 meetings, our GIFs have been sent to CBP. The current timeline for “Cargo Release” is: 1) April – OT transmits requirements to OIT, 2) October – OIT will advertise the contract for development, and 3) early 2012 – development begins.

Automated Export Manifest

- The Committee met with CBP in December to assist in preparation of high level GIFs. A report has been submitted by CBP OT to the ABO and to OFO. We await a copy of that report for our consideration and further comment.

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- The delivery announced for the first quarter of this year has been postponed. The ABO is preparing a public announcement to include delivery plans and a firm delivery date.

Revenue Committee, E- Bond Subcommittee & Drawback Subcommittee

No new activity to Report for January 2011 – Per the status reported below for December 2010 the e-Bond subcommittee will participate in a trade cargo release requirement validation workshop on February 2-3, 2011 to discuss the STB GIF. Updates will be provided in the February monthly report.

Electronic File and Approval System for Single Transaction Bonds (STB) – As part of the cargo release revalidation effort the e-Bond subcommittee was asked to do two (2) things:

- 1. Determine what data elements the surety would need to respond to an electronic single transaction bond (STB) request from an entry filer*
- 2. Provide a suggested time frame for the surety to respond to a broker's bond request.*

The subcommittee based its recommendations on an analysis of the CATAIR inputs for the various cargo release scenarios. The subcommittee recommendations were submitted to Cindy Allen and incorporated in the trade cargo release revalidation report by the January 7th deadline.

Drawback Subcommittee

- The Drawback subcommittee is awaiting the introduction of the Customs Reauthorization Bill, which includes drawback simplification. The subcommittee will be working with the House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Staff to have the Bill introduced this year.

Supply Chain Security Committee

No new business to report for January 2011.

Transition Committee

No new business to report for January 2011.