



***TSN MONTHLY COMMITTEE
ACTIVITY REPORT
April, 2010***

1. TSN Committee Update

Account Management Committee

No activity to report for this month.

Surety Subcommittee

The surety subcommittee met recently to discuss the concept of eSTB, which is the emailing of a single transaction bond to the Office of Administration (Revenue Division) for ACE entries (**CSMS# 10-000060** dated March 3, 2010). Members of the surety subcommittee were concerned as this concept was not presented to the subcommittee for review or discussion prior to the release of the CSMS notice. All members agreed that this is not an electronic system and there are no documented instructions on how this will work. There are very few ACE entries with single transaction bonds at this time. One of the subcommittee members is working on a work flow recommendation that will be submitted to the full subcommittee once it has been completed.

The next meeting has not yet been scheduled, but will be once the work flow is complete and reviewed by the subcommittee members.

Entry Committee

The Entry Committee continues to meet via conference call on the first Wednesday of each month. The ACE Business Policy Document and Entry Summary Instructions were reviewed. Several minor changes were suggested for the documents, with an anticipated revised document being produced in late May or early June for continued input on our next call. Two new GIFs were proposed by the trade. The first requested a Post Summary Correction (PSC) status code be provided to the trade. The second requested that PSC be made available for type 03 entries in certain situations. An operational and technical working group has been established in connection with the Transition Committee to discuss further documentation that can be developed to assist software producers in addressing situations where the missing edits can affect trade data and transmission. The group will also take a fresh look at the edit prioritizations that were completed over two years ago to ensure they reflect the current trade concerns now that ESAR has been functioning and available.

Export Committee

No activity to report for this month.

ITDS Committee

Please note: this report also includes a summary of the Committee's March activities.

The ITDS committee held a full committee conference call meeting on **March 2, 2010**. The focus of the meeting was a briefing by Cathy Saucedo and Susan Dyszel on the status of the CBP ITDS Concept of Operations (ConOps) document and plans going forward. Additional topics of discussion included: 1) Product Information Codes; 2) Standard Data Set; and 3) Trusted Importers Certification Program.

The CBP ITDS team is currently in discussion with the Office of Chief Council to get approval to distribute the full ConOps to the trade or, at the very least, a summary of the ConOps.

The CBP ITDS team is in Phase 2 of ConOps development where they are mapping the CBP ConOps to a specific PGA ConOps. They are currently working with: 1) Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS); 2) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); and 3) Food & Drug Administration (FDA). Plans are to have at least 6 PGAs mapped by the end of June.

Cathy Saucedo indicated that one of the key issues that surfaced in the ConOps development is agency jurisdiction on import admissibility and classification of products. For many agencies involved in product safety the HTS code is not specific enough for their examinations and they are looking into using more specific product information codes to provide them with better data on which to evaluate cargo admissibility. Cathy wants to get the trade's input as it would require an additional data element for the trade to report to CBP and the PGAs.

A full ITDS committee meeting was also held on **March 12th** to discuss the product information code program. Doug Bailey, Chair, Product Information Subcommittee participated and gave an overview on the status of the product code effort and the studies and pilot programs currently being conducted. Doug is currently looking for importers of meat, eggs, or egg products, pesticides, chemicals, ATVs, infant cribs, etc. to participate in the ongoing pilots. Committee members will contact Doug if they are interested in participating.

Other issues discussed at the March 12 meeting included:

- Matt Sims asked about the Standard Data Set which was updated in December 2009 and if any of the updated documentation will be available to the trade. Susan Dyszel took an action to see if the latest version of the SDS could be distributed to the trade and posted on the ITDS website.
- At the January 21 ITDS Board of Directors meeting Sam Banks (STTAS) and Norm Schenk (UPS) briefed the board on an initiative being pursued by several members of the trade community to develop a "Trusted Importers Certification Program" with interested PGAs to facilitate the processing of import cargo. The objective of this partnership would be to minimize the regulatory burden on importers by establishing a program similar to the C-TPAT program between the importer and a specific PGA. The Program Support Group (PSG) subcommittee chaired by Max Castillo is coordinating a PSG meeting in the March/April time frame to allow this group to present their ideas at the PSG meeting to a large number of PGAs.

Legal Policy Committee

No activity to report for this month.

Multi-Modal Manifest Committee

The MMM Committee has aligned itself with five major issues by creating an internal Task Group for each and by standing up a Chair or Co-chairs for each. The mission of each Task Group is, with the cooperation of the appropriate Customs officials, to investigate the viability of its issue, develop a Business Case and present it to the MMM Committee. Those Business Cases deemed of value to be considered for development and eventual implementation will be brought to the TSN. The next MMM meeting is scheduled for July 14 at which the Task Groups will report and will move forward based on merit.

1. **In-Bond Task Group**: Led by four Co-chairs, each representing a transportation mode and its constituents. Met weekly by teleconference to identify issues. Each

Co-chair will report out at the next teleconference which will include the CBP OFO Program Officer.

2. **Manifest Diversion Task Group**: Led by two Co-chairs, this Task Group is on track to have a Business Case matured for Committee consideration in June.
3. **Export Manifest Task Group**: Led by a Chairman, this group has held one teleconference with another anticipated to take place the week of May 10. The preliminary evaluation indicates a strong case to move forward. The group intends to work cooperatively with the TSN Export Committee.
4. **House BL Release Task Group**: Led by a Chairman, this group had developed a White Paper which has been widely circulated for comment. With the recent change of CBP OFO Co-chairman now announced, the Task Group will work to develop a Business Case, in consultation with CBP, and based on the White Paper.
5. **ITDS PGA Messaging Task Group**: This group will work cooperatively with the TSN ITDS Committee as CBP concludes its ConOps II and continues to work on PGA integration into ACE deployments.

Revenue Committee

No activity to report for this month.

Supply Chain Security Committee

No activity to report for this month.

Transition Committee

No activity to report for this month.

2. ACE News

The following important Cargo System Messaging Service (CSMS) messages impacting ACE were issued during April, 2010:

- **CSMS #10-000096** (issued 4/5/2010)- CBP Forms for ACS Entry Summaries Not Posting to the Task List
- **CSMS# 10-000099** (issued 4/12/2010)- Quick View Reports Now Contain Correct Entry Summary Counts
- **CSMS# 10-000102** (issued 4/15/2010)- Updated e-Manifest: Trucks Web Based Training Now Available
- **CSMS# 10-000106** (issued 4/29/2010)- A2.3.1a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document has been posted to CBP.gov
- **CSMS# 10-000107** (issued 4/30/2010)- April 2010 TAO Update

The Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) is a subscription-based, broadcast message system that provides CBP automated systems users with electronic updates via e-mail. To ensure that important messages from CBP are not missed, we encourage trade participants to subscribe to CSMS if not already done. For more information on the service and to sign up for the automatic updates please visit the CBP website

<http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/>

The following link can also be cut and pasted into your browser to access the direct link to the database of messages

<http://apps.cbp.gov/csms/csms.asp?page=1&btype=abi>