



***TSN MONTHLY COMMITTEE
ACTIVITY REPORT
August, 2009***

Work is being finalized to input all new and update all existing committee/subcommittee user requirement recommendations in the tracking system and issue a report out to each committee for review by mid-September.

Account Management Committee

The Account Committee and the Broker Account Subcommittee met on August 31 to discuss the three post summary correction GIFs that are being developed by the Committee. Input provided by CBP on the Trade Ambassador conference call was shared and discussed as well as information provided on a subsequent Entry Committee conference call. The post summary correction portal functionality GIF will be updated and submitted to CBP as a placeholder for future consideration. The Committee understands that post summary corrections will initially be accomplished via EDI.

The two remaining Committee GIFs address reporting needs. One GIF is a post summary correction report and the other GIF is for an extract of the same data. Those GIFs cannot be finalized until the Committee receives a list of all data elements which can be changed via the post summary correction process for ACE entry summaries. If the data element can be changed, the Committee would like it to be available in the report/extract. Reports will reflect the most recent information along with a post summary correction indicator, reason code(s) and version number. Brokers/filers will need to track the various versions within their own systems. Retro flagging and de-flagging of an entry summary for reconciliation purposes will not be part of post summary corrections; it will be part of the reconciliation module. A separate meeting will be scheduled in September to discuss reconciliation and AD/CVD reconciliation report requirements.

Surety Account Subcommittee

No activity to report.

Entry Committee

The Entry Committee held a conference call on August 18 to discuss the progress of A2.2. Monica Crockett, Branch Chief, ESAR Post Summary, reported that A2.2 is going well. In the second week of August, 4971 entries had been filed in ACE; of those entries, 4732 were type 01. Monica also provided the following details: (1) there are approximately 8 filers filing ACE entries; (2) all field training is now complete; (3) the top 3 filer ports are Buffalo, Detroit and Chicago. When asked about the progress of A2.3.1.a (AD/CVD Case Management), Monica commented that this release is still on schedule for a January 2010 deployment.

Art Litman also provided an update from the last meeting of the TLC. At that meeting CBP announced there would be an abbreviated format for the next TSN. The TSN will be held in the Washington, D.C. area; invitees will be limited to TSN Committee and Subcommittee Co-chairs and Trade Ambassadors. A webinar will be hosted by CBP in order to disseminate ACE information to the entire TSN membership. Lastly, Art announced that he would be stepping down as Entry Trade Co-Chair. He is turning over this position to Cindy Allen. Art will however, remain an active participant in the Committee.

Release Subcommittee

Representatives from the Release Subcommittee have been participating in ongoing discussions with members of the multi-modal manifest committee regarding the release of freight at the house bill level. The goal of the task group will be to produce a recommendation to CBP regarding Customs release and freight movement authorization that is similar for all modes of transportation, and determining if this should reside at the house bill level rather than at different levels per mode of transportation.

Foreign Trade Zone and Warehouse Subcommittee

No activity to report.

Export Committee

No activity to report.

ITDS Committee

With the recent decision by CBP to suspend ITDS contract liaison support to the PGAs the ITDS committee will evaluate this decision in terms of its impact on the trade community and will continue to work with CBP and the ITDS Board to determine the impact it will have on the deployment of PGA functionality in ACE. The ITDS committee's focus going forward will continue to be on the following issues:

- **General ITDS Committee**
 - General PGA integration into the ACE/ITDS system
 - Status of PGA functionality in the CCR M1 (sea and rail manifest) release.
 - The status of future PGA functionality in the CCR M2.3 Cargo Release deployment.
 - Product Information Code (PIC) Working Group (Doug Bailey)
 - DUNS Working Group (Max Castillo)
- **ITDS Standard Data Set Subcommittee Issues**
 - Status of work on the ITDS SDS Trade Report
 - Trade input regarding status of PGA data elements contained in the Trade Report for manifest, entry and entry summary filing.

Legal Policy Committee

No activity to report.

Multi-Modal Manifest (MMM) Committee

As follow up to the June MMM working group meeting, a task group has been formed to develop a recommendation regarding CBP electronically releasing cargo at the House Bill of Lading level. The Task group has convened four times to hear positions from the ocean carrier, terminal operator, airline, customs broker, trucking and container freight station operator's perspectives. The task group is currently developing recommendations that will be shared with the MMM committee and work group. If any committee members would like to submit additional comments please contact any of the industry representatives shown below:

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Revenue Committee/Subcommittees

No activity to report.

Supply Chain Security Committee

No activity to report.

Transition Committee/Technical Advisory Group

No activity to report.

ESAR Trade Ambassador Work Session on Post Summary Corrections and Reconciliation

In early August, CBP met with the Trade Ambassadors to present the new direction on post summary corrections and reconciliation. In past meetings with the trade there had been discussions regarding CBP having to agree/disagree with each revised record the trade submitted via a Post Summary Correction (PSC). Upon review, CBP has decided that the trade will be allowed to file a PSC on an entry summary transaction for a defined period of time (the current CBP proposal is for 270 days) unless that transaction hits selectivity or targeting; this will be a systemic risk check on the data. With those 270 days, CBP is looking to lengthen the time of liquidation from the date of entry to one year. Versioning will be kept; each retransmission of data will be considered a full replace.

Discussions also centered on the review of a revised DRAFT Federal Register Notice (FRN) for AD/CVD Reconciliation. Some concerns were raised on some key points of the DRAFT, including the period of time for the filing of the reconciliation entry, bonding for the reconciliation entry, the types of entries that would be allowed for the test, the possibility of administrative refunds, automatic extension of the liquidation date, and the request for PSC for a reconciliation entry. It is anticipated that CBP will be revising the DRAFT FRN further to take into consideration the trade's concerns.