



*TSN MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORT*  
*March 2011*

**TRADE SUPPORT NETWORK (TSN) COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Cargo Release Validation Status**

As a result of the Cargo Release Validation Session held on February 2-3, 2011 CBP is currently in the process of revalidating all of the CBP, PGA, and trade cargo release user requirements. As a result of the February validation session CBP identified 5 trade business process areas that required further definition. CBP has been meeting with trade representatives from the respective committees to further define these processes so that the Team 1 requirements development team can finalize them for inclusion in the cargo release requirements development document. The 5 business processes and their status are as follows:

1. Remote Location Filing – Finalized and submitted to Team 1
2. ITAR License & Exemption Processing – Finalized and submitted to Team 1
3. Warehouse Release (Entry Types 21, 22, 31) – Finalized and submitted to Team 1
4. Electronic Single Transaction Bond Processing – In development
5. FTZ (Weekly Estimate Processing) – In development

**CBP Currently has 4 Teams working on the cargo release validation effort:**

- Team 1 – Requirements Development Team
  - Deliverables: 1) Operational Requirements Document; 2) Cargo Release Concept of Operations; 3) Requirements Traceability Matrix
- Team 2 – Reviews requirements developed by Team 1
- Team 3 – Develop final trade business processes for the 5 business processes described above
- Team 4 – Internal CBP/OFO team to get Field Operations input on the cargo release requirements

**Account Management Committee**

While the Account Management Committee did not formally meet during March, two members of the Committee have been working exceptionally hard on the Trade Symposium. Julie Parks, Trade Co-Chair, and Stuart Schmidt will serve as panelists for the “Using Today’s ACE Capabilities to the Full Potential” breakout session at the Trade Symposium on April 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. The breakout session featured a walk through with ACE experts on how existing ACE capabilities can be used to benefit your business operation. For their part Julie and Stuart have prepared a skit which covers how trade members can take advantage of current ACE capabilities. The skit included recommendations for enhancements to current capabilities; brings up important fixes to ACE for the trade community and combines everything with just enough humor to keep the audience interested. Cast members also include Carlos Rodriguez from the Account Services Desk and Brandon Lord as Mike from Mighty Trucking!

**Surety Account Subcommittee**

No new business to report for March 2011

## **Entry Committee & Release Subcommittee**

No new business to report for March 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 and follow up review sessions. 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 March 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**

Sandra Scott and Tim Perry represented the attended the March 7<sup>th</sup> ITDS Board of Directors Meeting as the trade representatives from the TSN ITDS Committee. Several issues related to the trade were discussed at that meeting. Sandra Scott is planning to convene a full ITDS Committee teleconference meeting to go over these issues and get representatives from CBP and the PGAs to participate on the teleconference. Some of the major issues include:

- An update on the PGA message set and mapping to the World Customs Organization Data Model
- Update on the ITDS Boards effort to coordinate enhancements to AES for export control and licensing information
- Update on PGA functionality in cargo release functionality

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

## **Legal Policy Committee**

No new activity to report for March 2011

## **Multi-Modal Manifest Committee**

### **Next MMM Meeting**

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

### **Cargo Release**

CBP continues their review and validation of the cargo release GIFs submitted by the MMM committee. We anticipate a subsequent follow up review session with CBP and the Trade Leadership Council (Trade Committee and subcommittee co-chairs, and Trade Ambassadors) to discuss the final cargo release GIFs that will be used in the baseline cargo release document for sizing the new contract and beginning the technical requirement development effort with the Office of Information Technology (OIT). We anticipate this meeting to take place in early May.

### **Automated Export Manifest**

The Committee met with CBP Office of International Trade (OT) and Office of Field Operations (OFO) to discuss issues related to the "Automated Export Requirements Document"

### **M1 (Sea & Rail Manifest)**

The current sea and rail manifest delivery schedule includes "trade testing" and "user acceptance testing" to begin to ramp up at the end of April. Though a general schedule has been discussed we anticipate a more official deployment notice to be released by CBP well in advance of an implementation timeline.

## **Revenue Committee, E- Bond Subcommittee & Drawback Subcommittee**

### **Revenue Committee**

No new activity to Report for March 2011

### **e-Bond Subcommittee**

On Tuesday, March 29 the e-Bond Subcommittee met via teleconference to review the status of the document titled "Cargo Release Process: Electronic File and Approval System for Single Transaction Bonds (STB). Frank Korpusik brought the subcommittee up to date on the activities of the cargo release project teams. We are now waiting for approval of the e-bond process document which, if approved, will be submitted to Team 1 for requirements development.

### **Drawback Subcommittee**

No new business to report for March 2011

### **Supply Chain Security Committee**

No new business to report for March 2011.

### **Transition Committee**

No new business to report for March 2011.