

DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION ELECTRONIC BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES 16 AUGUST 2012

INTRODUCTION

The Defense Transportation Electronic Business (DTEB) Committee met convened 16 August 2012. Ms. Susan Gilchrist, USTRANSCOM Interface Manager and DTEB Chair chaired the meeting. Mr. Pete Varone, USTRANSCOM J6-AD, meeting facilitator, provided brief opening remarks and thanked everyone for attending and initiated participant introductions.¹

The briefing slides from the meeting are posted on the DTEB website here: [USTRANSCOM ITS Link](#). A summary of the action items from the meeting is located at the end of these minutes.

TECHNICAL SECRETARY REPORT (MR. VARONE)

X12 MEETINGS

- The last X12 meeting was 4-6 June 2012 in Tampa, FL.
- The next X12 meeting is 1-3 October 2012 in Rochester, NY.

X12 DATA MAINTENANCE

- Data Maintenance submitted on behalf of SDDC for the 300 - Reservation (Booking Request)(Ocean) transaction set is on track for publication in X12 Version 6050. Maintenance was modified by the transportation sub-committee to mirror changes in the 301 - Confirmation (Ocean) transaction set.
- Data Maintenance items relating to the decoupling of code list remain disapproved.

DTEB MEETING SCHEDULE

- DTEB meetings were aligned to the Distribution Data Community of Interest (DDCOI). However, dates and frequency of DDCOI meetings are fluid making it necessary to align with X12 meetings to establish consistent timelines.
- Starting in calendar year 2013, DTEB will meet on a trimester basis, i.e., February, June, and October.
- Committee feedback requested an attempt be made to align with the DDCOI when possible.

¹ Please contact the DTEB Support Staff (USTC-DTEBCommittee@ustranscom.mil) at USTRANSCOM if you need contact information for any of the attendees. You can access the DTEB meeting webpage by following [USTRANSCOM ITS Link](#). The attendee list is at the bottom of the page.

IC AND DM UPDATE (MR. DULANEY)

- DMs 1043 / 1044 (NVR) – approved as NVR since they were pre-approved at the March meeting.
- DM 1045 – approved but with comments, and comments were worked with the submitter prior to the meeting. Contrary to the DM as written, there will be no changes to the usage notes in the IC.
- DMs 1046 / 1047 – withdrawn due to lack of coordination with DTR.
- DMs 1048 / 1049 – withdrawn due to the DM's being duplicative.
- DM 1050 – disapproved, and then modified and approved as DM 1054.
- DM 1051 – approved as submitted.
- DMs 1052 / 1053 (NVR) – approved as submitted.
- DM 1054 – replaced the disapproved DM 1050 and was approved as submitted.
- DM 1055 – approved as submitted.
- DM 1056 – approved as submitted.
- DM 1057 – approved as NVR as an update to approved DM 857 which was never implemented.
- DMs 1058 and 1061 - An agreement was brokered for 315A Status Details (Ocean) DMs prior to this meeting.
 - After discussions with both IGC and SDDC representatives, both parties agreed to restrict the 315A IC modifications for use only by shipments in and out of the Afghanistan Theater in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
 - The DM's will be resubmitted for vote with the statement of revision and with an abbreviated voting period.
- DM 1059 – approved as submitted.
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- DM 1062 – still in voting and had one disapproval vote due to the verbiage being duplicative of the X12 notes.
 - The disapprover agreed that the portion of the DM regarding removal of a comment posed no issue.
 - The resolution was to submit a new DM containing the comment removal, and for the matrix to include the syntax/semantic notes from X12.

IC VERSIONING WORKSHOP (MR. DULANEY)

- 214A Motor Carrier Shipment Status – DM 1045 was approved for inclusion in Version 3.
- 219A DTCI Transportation Request – DM 1055 was approved for inclusion in Version 1.
- 220A DTCI Transportation Request – DM 1055 was approved for inclusion in Version 1.
- 300A Reservation (Booking))Ocean) – DM's 1051 and 1056 were approved for inclusion in Version 3.

- 310A Freight Receipt and Invoice – DM 1060 was approved for inclusion in Version 1. A resubmitted version of DM 1061 was also pre-approved for inclusion.
 - While approved, these DM's will not be immediately implemented.
 - Version 1 will not be brought to the Committee until additional 310A DMs are submitted and approved in support of the USC7.
- 315A Status Details Ocean – DM 1059 was approved for inclusion in Version 3.
 - Re-submitted DM's replacing 1058 and 1061 were also pre-approved for inclusion.
- 858D Express Package Bill of Lading – DM 1054 was approved for inclusion in Version 1.

CODE USAGE IN IC'S (MR. VARONE)

- Borrowed Codes
 - There are instances of borrowed codes from a single data element being used with different definitions both within and across IC's.
 - Changing codes in IC's will require much coordination, as changes could significantly impact all systems. No DM's will be submitted addressing this topic until all affected parties have had the opportunity to weigh in.
- Migration Codes
 - Migration codes cause problems with commercial EDI translators and should be avoided.
 - Situations may arise where there are a lack of codes to borrow, such as with the growing number of accessorial codes making the use of migration codes necessary.

RECONSTITUTE ACI GROUPS (MS. GILCHRIST)

- ACI groups are useful for sharing business process information and best practices to promote joint efficiencies as well as for an impressive list of other operational and technical benefits.
- ACI Groups stopped meeting in the past for financial and operational reasons, but the DTEB Chair suggested reconstituting the groups would be beneficial in the scope of current world events.
- SDDC was awaiting the recent award of USC7 before considering hosting an ACI Task Group.
- The DTEB Committee was asked to consider organizing one or more ACI meetings in the near future.

IC SYNCHRONIZATION (MS. GILCHRIST)

- Only minor modifications / clarifications were made to the slides.
- The DM numbers listed on each slide do not include any NVR DM's that may have been approved for that IC.
- Mr. Wakeley discussed transaction latency on the 315B. An action item was noted to confer with Mr. Wakeley on the details and forward information to the Data Quality Working Group (DQWG) for analysis.

SYSTEM RELEASE DATES (MS. GILCHRIST)

- To date, about half of the systems participate in update of the Release Date chart.
- The DTEB Chair reiterated that the dates on this chart were not intended to be binding in any way. The intent is to make trading partners aware of upcoming releases windows.

NEW IC / DM SYNCHRONIZATION CHART (MS. GILCHRIST)

- This chart more accurately reflects Synchronization Task Group level work (vs. the Work Group level represented in the QUAD charts) as well as answering the question of “who has what” as required by synchronization.
- The chart was compiled from the QUAD charts but may be inaccurate because the “who has what” question is difficult to answer from the QUAD charts.
- The next cycle/Committee Meeting will become a trial period when both QUADS and spreadsheet will be updated.
- Advantages of the spreadsheet as opposed to the quad charts include ease of maintenance and visibility of system implementation status.
- The intent is to drive the QUAD charts down to the Work Group level which they already represent and would only be updated when a Work Group was actively working implementation of specific ICs/DMs.

MARCH MINUTES APPROVAL (MR. VARONE)

- The March DTEB Committee meeting minutes were approved as submitted.
- All eleven action items from the March meeting were completed to the satisfaction of the community.

ACTION ITEM REVIEW / OPEN DISCUSSION (MR. VARONE)

- 6 new action items were taken:
 - 1) DTEB Support will submit DM's to replace DM 1058 and 1061 as discussed.
 - 2) Mr. Matlock will verify GATES implementation status of DM 1052 / 1053.
 - 3) DTEB Support to confer with Mr. Wakeley to get details and forward them to the Data Quality Working Group (DQWG) for analysis.
 - 4) DTEB Chair to modify and distribute IC tracking chart to the committee.
 - 5) DTEB Support will submit a DM to replace DM 1061 to delete only the usage note.

- 6) DTEB Support will submit a ticket to developers to carry over syntax notes/semantic notes/comments from section 3 of the IC into the Matrix where currently there is only a reference.

GENC discussion

- The upcoming GENC country codes will replace the FIPS 10-4 country codes. ISO-3166 codes will remain viable and usable to the transportation community – only FIPS codes are being replaced.
- SDDC has requested a link to GENC codes be placed in every IC at the data element level for every occurrence of country code. Concerns were voiced that X12 points to ISO and GENC does not replace ISO. GENC will contain most of the ISO codes (with exceptions) plus the one-off codes that currently exist in FIPS 10-4 that are not in ISO. More discussion is required on how to handle the country code changes in the ICs.
- The date for conversion of all DoD systems to GENC is September 30, although this date is expected to slip.

Other discussion

- LOGSA requested that as downstream systems are affected by changes to the 315A, LOGSA be included on any further discussion for an enterprise multi-modal solution. The DTEB Chair agreed and will include LOGSA once the community begins discussion.

NEXT STEPS / NEXT MEETING (MR. VARONE)

- 6 November 2012
- LMI Main Conference Room, Scott AFB, IL
- DCO and a bridge line will be provided