DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION ELECTRONIC BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
12 FEB 2013

INTRODUCTION

The Defense Transportation Electronic Business (DTEB) Committee convened 12 February 2013. Meeting was chaired by Ms. Susan Gilchrist, Acting DTEB Chair and USTRANSCOM Interface Manager. Meeting facilitator was Mr. Pete Varone, USTRANSCOM J6-SA.[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 bottom of these minutes.

TECHNICAL SECRETARY REPORT (MR. VARONE)

X12 MEETINGS

- The last X12 meeting was 21-24 Jan 2013. Minutes are posted to DISA web site for review (http://www.disa.org).
- The next X12 meeting is 03-05 Jun 2013 (virtual meeting).

X12 MEETING SUMMARY

- X12 (Transportation) reviewed 62 Data Maintenance (DM) Items; the majority of DM's were for tracking CICA message development.
- DM related to decoupling Code Lists remains disapproved and were not progressed during this meeting.
- X12 DM for changes to 300 – Reservation (Booking Request) (Ocean). Changes have been published in Version 6050 of X12, effective Jan 2013, and changes were also applied to the 301 Confirmation (Ocean) transaction set. This issue is closed.
- X12C – Communications and Control Sub-Committee released draft version of new design rules for XML development.
- X12I – Transportation Sub-Committee has reviewed draft design rules and made recommendations for modification.
- XML workgroups did not meet.
- XML workgroup for Bill of Lading was sunset.

[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.

- In late 2012, the X12 Steering Committee determined that ASC X12 should become a legal entity. ASC X12 was incorporated.
- In Jan 2013, Data Interchange Standards Association (DISA) signed an agreement to transfer operations to The Association for Cooperative Operations Research and Development (ACORD). DISA and ACORD are in the process of finalizing their working model for the future.
- ANSI Accreditation is critical to ASC X12. Currently, ASC X12 is accredited as a Standards Development Committee (SDC) which means that they are accredited jointly with DISA. DISA's decision to become part of ACORD necessitates an accreditation change. X12 Steering Committee decided that ASC X12 should pursue accreditation as a Standards Development Organization (SDO). This allows X12 to hold the ANSI accreditation as a stand-alone entity.

  ASC X12 has submitted an application for a new accreditation with American National Standards Institute (ANSI). As part of that process, X12 will be presenting a new OPM for member ballot.

  Changes should have minimal impact to DOD. Current EDI versions will not be impacted and will remain accredited by ANSI. EDI standard development process will remain the same. However, the possible risk is that the loss of ANSI accreditation would impact implementation of future versions of EDI.
- Next X12 Meeting Issues:
  - Virtual meeting for all Transportation Sub-Committee activities.
  - DISA/ACORD transfer of operations transition plan should be finalized.
  - Status of re-accreditation efforts will be provided.
  - Path forward for XML schema and CICA development should be solidified at next meeting.
  - Code list usage across versions should continue at next meeting.

DM & IC UPDATE (MR. VARONE)

DM 1067

- Corrected definition of code value "A11" in Section 6 of the 858R – Freight Bill of Lading for use in the N504 data element 301. The previous definition was incomplete when compared to the DTR.
- Status: Implemented as No Vote Required (NVR) in all versions of the 858R.

DM 1068

- Adds new code values CUF and DLP to the H301, data element 152 of the 300A – Reservation (Booking) (Ocean) transaction set in support of USC-7.

- Status: DM approved by member vote 21 Dec 12. Approved for implementation in next version.

DMs 1069 – 1090

- Changes all DTEB IC country code references from ISO 3166 to Code for Representation of Names of Countries, Geopolitical Entities, Names, and Codes (GENC) as required by Federal Regulations.
- Status: Implemented as No Vote Required (NVR) in all versions of affected ICs. Updates are currently reflected in versions available on the ITS DTEB web site and are undergoing Gatekeeper review for posting to the DTEB public site.
- Concerns were raised by DTEB members on the impact to commercial trading partners and how these changes would be reflected in the ASC X12 standard.
  - ➢ ACTION ITEM: Ms. Gilchrist agreed to take the issue of implementing GENC as an authoritative code source in ASC X12 back to the GENC Committee for further direction.

DM 1091

- Adds code value A to the BX02, data element 91 in the 858R – Freight Bill of Lading Information transaction. This aligns method codes in the 858R and 220A – DTCI Transportation Service Response transactions.
- Status: Disapproved by member vote
  - Comments: Adding code value to the 858R does not fix stated reason for the change. Current method codes received in the 220A are converted to DOD mode codes. In this case A, AE & AF are stored within DSS as Q. There is no way to accurately convert them back to the original A, AE or AF for the 858R without major system changes to DSS.
- DTEB members advised that the development history of the code set used for Transportation Method Code (Mode Code) (BX02) was specifically determined based on the ability of systems to support the codes currently defined. Additionally, it was noted that the 858D was developed specifically for Air Express moves. It was also noted that while the code set is limited based on the current 858R IC, there were instances of codes other than those specified in the IC being sent by systems.
  - ➢ ACTION ITEM: Mr. Varone agreed to coordinate with DTCI on DTEB member feedback and as necessary set a separate teleconference to discuss with other members to resolve issues.

IRMDR TICKET # 593

- Addresses the DTEB committee request to have X12 syntax notes that appear in section 4 of the IC matrix appear in plain text.
- Change implemented in production 31 Jan 13. Future versions of DTEB ICs will contain plain text syntax note translation.

- Question was raised regarding inclusion of X12 semantic notes and comments in the section 4 matrix. DTEB members agreed that these should also be included but requested that new verbiage be added that specifies the difference between X12 notes and DTEB implementation rules in the section 4 introduction material. It was also requested that the matrix be modified, if possible, to grey out or otherwise differentiate between the left side (DTEB implementation) and right side (X12 implementation) of the matrix.
  - ➢ ACTION ITEM: Mr. Varone agreed to progress changes with the ITS support staff to have X12 semantic notes and comments applied in the IC matrix and add shading or other method of differentiation between the DTEB and X12 sides of the matrix.

DTEB WORK GROUP UPDATE (MS. GILCHRIST)

- The following list of work groups (WG) were planned to convene after the last DTEB meeting:
  - Code Value Work Group - Was not convened due to other time constraints and priorities.
  - Event Detail Delete Function Work Group – As per SDDC, more discussion required on business rules before work group can meet.
  - Multimodal Event Reporting Work Group – Is being worked at a higher level within the Command and consequently this WG is suspended.

STANDARD LINE OF ACCOUNTING (SLOA) (MR. VARONE)

- OSD provided preliminary draft of the SLOA data mapping requirements
  - All SLOA data will be passed in FA2 segments for transaction sets that support (contain) the FA2.
  - For transaction sets that do not support (contain) the FA2 segment, SLOA data will be passed in REF segments.
- Anticipate release of the Proposed DLMS Change (PDC) for SLOA soon. It was noted that the PRC process only applies to the <u>Supply process</u> and affects DLMS transactions used to support supply. The PRC process <u>does not apply to transportation related transactions supported by DTEB</u>.
- DTEB members expressed significant concern re USTRANSCOM path forward in support of SLOA initiative. Questions were raised regarding what command was assuming responsibility for ensuring that all USTRANSCOM systems were aware of and making necessary preparation in support of SLOA. Specific systems such as Transportation Global Edit Table (TGET), Third Party Payment System (TPPS), Form 1149 used for non-MILSTRIP movement, and Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System (DEAMS) were identified as those that should require updates to support SLOA. Ms. Gilchrist advised that USTC-J8 was lead and USTC-J6 was supporting. DTEB IC changes are already vetted and DTEB support staff is awaiting requests from the DTEB community as applicable to make modifications to the transportation transactions.

- Finance Process Review Committee (FPRC) POC for SFIS / SLOA is:

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IC Synchronization and Data Flow (Ms. Gilchrist)

- The Marine Corps provided the only DM synchronization release input prior to the meeting.
  - ACTION ITEM: All DTEB members were requested to submit updates to date for your systems NLT 28 Feb 2013.
- The DM numbers listed do not include NVR DM's that may have been approved for that IC.
- The synchronization process is as useful as the information provided within the chart. Please be sure to report updates as they happen or at the data call prior to each meeting.
- Message flow details were removed from the synchronization spreadsheet (gray area) and EDO support contractors provided a detailed spreadsheet for data flow tracking. This information is not required for Synchronization reporting, but data flow information will reflect all trading partners and be enormously helpful with future planning initiatives – right down to DM implementation.
  - ACTION ITEM: Committee was asked to validate message flow information by following "Desired Actions" instruction on the front page. In addition, send any documentation (i.e., specs, MOA, or anything) that validates your data exchanges to "USTC-TA@ustranscom.mil." The EDO office will take your information and do all the work to get all message flow information into the USTC Distribution Enterprise Interface Management (DEIM) repository.

DTEB Open Discussion (DTEB Committee Members)

858R – Freight Bill of Lading Information HAZMAT Unit of Measure (UOM)

- Guidelines require both English and Metric UOM.
- LH1 segment contains English UOM but has Metric code values listed (e.g. H4 – Hectoliter).
- LFH segment contains Metric UOM but has English code value listed (e.g. GA – Gallon)

- LFH segment is also used for English Net Explosive Weight (NEW).
- How are scientific UOM treated and where are they to be passed (e.g. 2C – Roentgen, R2 – Becquerel).
  - ➢ ACTION ITEM: Mr. Varone to coordinate with Mr. John Mannino (SDDC) and Mr. Gordon Allbritton (USAF) to make recommended changes to the 858R code lists for English and Metric HAZMAT UOM. Coordinated recommendations will then be forwarded to the DTEB Committee for review by respective HAZMAT shipping personnel and submission of DTEB DM to make necessary modifications.

ADDITIONAL DATA REQUIREMENTS IN 858B

- DSS is working with GATES on implementation of 858B - TCMD for surface shipments. During development several additional data requirements were identified that were not supported in the current 858B TCMD implementation. The new data requirements are:
  - Contract Number
  - Booking Number
  - Declared Value
  - Voyage Document Number
  - Voyage Document Year
- Changes are required to DTEB IC in support of the DSS change request.
  - ➢ ACTION ITEM: DSS representatives will coordinate with GATES PMO to get DTEB DM submitted requesting modification to the 858B in support of surface shipments.

858R FIELD LENGTHS FOR N703 AND L703

- Current DTEB IC field length restrictions for value passed in the N703 – Weight Capacity of Primary Equipment Furnished is 3/3. Weight is expressed in 1000 pound units and may contain a decimal.
- SDDC questioned why field length was restricted by DTEB implementation when the X12 standard allows for length of 1/10. SDDC recommends DTEB IC be updated to allow for the full 1/10 field length to accommodate weights less than 1000 pounds.
- Current DTEB IC field length restrictions for value passed in the L703 – Tariff/Tender Number is 6/6. Data element is to contain a numeric value only. X12 defines field as 1/7 alpha-numeric.
- SDDC reports receipt of values that contain alpha-numeric values that do not meet the 6/6 field length requirement.
- DTEB members requested additional time to review system impact to changing field length of the N703 from 3/3 to 1/10. It was recommended that issues related to the L703 – Tariff/Tender Number be progressed as a data quality issue.
  - ➢ ACTION ITEM: Ms. Nancy Lopez Cruz agreed to draft an email describing the issues with the N703 and provide to the DTEB Support Staff for distribution to the DTEB members.

WRAP UP / ACTION ITEM REVIEW / NEXT MEETING (MR. VARONE)

- Action Item Review
  - No action items were recorded out of the November meeting.
  - Action items from this meeting:
    - Ms. Gilchrist agreed to take the issue of implementing GENC as an authoritative code source in ASC X12 back to the GENC Committee for action.
    - Mr. Varone agreed to coordinate with DTCI on DTEB member feedback and as necessary set a separate teleconference to discuss with other members to resolve issues.
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- Next Meeting
  - 25 Jun 2013
  - LMI Main Conference Room, Scott AFB, IL
  - DCO and a bridge line will be provided

- The meeting was adjourned at 1025 hours local time.