

DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION ELECTRONIC BUSINESS (DTEB) COMMITTEE

Combined REPSHIP Working Group and Synchronization Task Group Meeting Minutes

27 OCTOBER 2011

REPSHIP Work Group

INTRODUCTION

Stakeholders¹ from various DoD organizations and agencies met via teleconference to discuss and plan the implementation of the Due-In (856A) and Nodal Status (315N) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Implementation Conventions (ICs) to support the Report of Shipment (REPSHIP) process for Nuclear Weapon Related Material (NWRM) and Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives (AA&E) shipments. The 856A Due-In serves as the REPSHIP message while the Nodal Status 315N serves as the REPSHIP Notice Receipt message and Shipment Unit Receipt messages. The 856A and 315N ICs are available on the DTEB website at the following link: [TRANSCOM site link](#). In addition, Due-In and Nodal Status information is being provided to Air Force components using DTEB-developed XML schemas.

Pete Varone, contract support for USTRANSCOM – J6 facilitated the meeting.

SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

Status updates were provided on various system's progress and levels of implementation.

- GFM Representatives were not present on the call and no updated was provided. Last update GFM reported no changes. GFM continues to work on resolution to issues with the CIIC and SRC discrepancies.
- GATES Representatives reported no changes to current status. No requirements have been submitted to GATES for implementation of the REPSHIP IC's. Currently working towards participation in the November 2011 858B (TCMD) testing process with release 5.0 estimated for 1st Qtr 2012.

¹ A list of participants is available to DTEB web account holders [here](#). If you do not already have access to the USTRANSCOM web services (ITS/CRIS web site), please address your request for access to USTC-DTEBAccount@ustranscom.mil.

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- FACTS Representatives reported no changes relative to REPSHIP.
 - CMOS representatives advised systems programmed and operating with no issues to report.
 - DSS representatives indicated system coding completed. IPR was completed for the consolidation resolution and is scheduled for the 12.2 release in May 2012.
 - IGC Representatives reported development complete and released into the production environment effective 30-Aug-11 with no issues to report.
 - DLA-TS representatives reported no issues with the implementation of REPSHIP at this time, and would continue to support testing and operation.

DTR OSD REPSHIP WORK GROUP

As follow-up to the September work group request outreach has begun and efforts are underway to reestablish the OSD Work Group on REPSHIP. Lt Col Flores, USAF AF/A4LM advised that there is interest in standing up the work group and the scope and responsibilities are being reviewed. The workgroup would be primarily focused on 4140 policy related issues and updates.

DTR PART II CHAPTER 205 UPDATE

On 24-Oct-11 Mr. Gary Conklin advised that current staffing efforts of the proposed updates to the DTR REPSHIP Chapter were still underway. The DTR Administrator is waiting for responses from two services and one agency. Initial indications were that the draft version of Part II Chapter 205 that was sent for staffing would be approved as submitted. Mr. Conklin advised that no negative comments had been received from the current respondents.

DTR DATA REQUIREMENTS UPDATE

Mr. Will advised that a DTEB data maintenance (DM) item would be submitted following the DTR Part II Chapter 205 staffing effort, currently under suspense as indicated under the 'DTR Part II Chapter 205 Update' docket item, to ensure no additional data requirement are submitted from the DTR Services Representatives.

DTR QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

The issue of the Customer Advisory (CA) notice that was discussed at the last REPSHIP call was brought forward for discussion. Mr. Tony Ross, AMC, advised that the CA issued in response to AMC awareness of ongoing issues with specific

shippers failing to comply with the REPSHIP requirements. Mr Ross noted that the CA was used so as not to single out any one specific carrier or violation of the requirements and was issued only as a reminder to all parties of the reporting responsibilities. Representatives from DLA raised concerns that the issuance of the CA did raise questions internally and lead to an unnecessary review of their REPSHIP processes for errors. Request was made that any future CA related to REPSHIP be more specific in nature identifying what errors were being encountered. The request was taken under advisement and Mr. Ross thanked the work group for their feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business items were discussed.

Synchronization Task Group (STG)

STG / DTEB CHARTER INTEGRATION

Mr. Will advised that written and verbal comments resulting from the initial distribution of the combined DTEB/STG Charter indicated concern with combining the charters for these two groups into one document. STG members were requested to review the combined charter prior to the teleconference for discussion of the following options for chartering. It was further requested that those who participated in the December 2010 STG meeting be prepared to discuss the chartering reasoning that took place there:

1. Have separate charters for the DTEB Committee and the Synchronization Task Group.
2. Leave the charters combined like the attachment.
3. Disband the Synchronization Task Group and add some synchronization responsibilities into the DTEB Committee Charter.

After reviewing the proposed resolutions to the DTEB/STG charter Mr. Will opened the line for comments. Mr. Michael Crawford, AMC A4TI commented that at the December 2010 STG meeting the intent was to have a consolidated charter. Logic behind this was to support the two groups through a consolidation of meeting times, locations, and attendees. After discussion however the position of the task group has changed and consensus is to develop separate charters for the DTEB and STG (option 1 above). STG meetings will continue to be coordinated and held via teleconference with updates and recommendations provided to the full DTEB at the regular scheduled meetings.

Mr. Will agreed and took action item to separate the charters for the committee and task group and will provide updated copies of both for review to the DTEB committee and STG members.

An additional concern was raised by the AMC representatives regarding actions taken at the September STG teleconference. During that meeting discussion was held and approval given to modify a DTEB IC (856A) based on the actions of an approved DM (1023). The concern raised was AMC understanding was that the STG would only review and make recommendations to the full DTEB committee for the implementation of DM's and the release of IC versions. The STG was not empowered to approve the final implementation and release of IC versions. The DTEB leadership agreed with this affirmation and will coordinate all future IC version releases based on STG input through the full DTEB Committee.

STATUS UPDATE ON SYNCHRONIZATION FOR NOVEMBER 2011 TESTING OF 858B

Mr. Will advised that low volume testing will begin 01-Nov-11. Preliminary email testing has found that DSS needs to make a few tweaks which are about completed. Preliminary email testing has not gone beyond FACTS, but GATES will be involved in the testing that is scheduled to begin 01-Nov-11.

Mr. Michael McDown provided an update on CMOS efforts to implement the 858B and issues that are currently being addressed with hierarchical codes and container consolidations. Issues are related to usage of the HL segments and linking to prime records. Mr. Will requested examples of the current EDI transactions for a single and consolidated shipment be provided for review and recommendation.

SYNCHRONIZATION OF VERSION IMPLEMENTATIONS

Included in ATTACHMENT 1 is the first draft of the quad-chart for 858B – TCMD implementation synchronization. This quad-chart was distributed shortly before the meeting and Mr. Will led a high level overview of the material. The task group members agreed with the format and data content of the quad-chart and agreed that similar material should be generated for all DTEB IC's in the synchronization process.

Mr. Will then led the task group in a review of the IC Version Synchronization spreadsheets. Updates were provided from the STG members where available. Mr. Will took action item to distribute updated spreadsheets once all the input was compiled.

WRAP-UP/SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled call of the REPSHIP Work Group and STG is scheduled to be held Tuesday 06-Dec-11 at 1400 hours EST in conjunction with the DTEB/DDCOI face to face meetings being held in the National Capitol Region. The technical secretary will forward meeting invite and agenda for that call via separate correspondence.