

## DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION ELECTRONIC BUSINESS (DTEB) COMMITTEE

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### Combined REPSHIP Working Group and Synchronization Task Group Meeting Minutes

28 JULY 2011

## INTRODUCTION

Stakeholders<sup>1</sup> 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 will be provided to Air Force components using DTEB-developed temporary 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.

CMOS representatives advised that there has been no new development.

DSS representatives indicated that systems are currently coded to the specifications outlined in the ICs (Version 0), and the plan for system release version 12.2 is scheduled for May 2012 release. DSS continues to review issues with TCN level reporting and receipt of partials and the effect it has on closing the complete REPSHIP.

GTN/IGC Representatives reported that REPSHIP development is now complete. Some limited features of the REPSHIP functionality have already been released into the production environment. A meeting is planned for 29-Jul-11 to discuss

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<sup>1</sup> 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-ITS@ustranscom.mil](mailto:USTC-ITS@ustranscom.mil).

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full deployment of the REPSHIP capabilities; an update will be provided at the next call regarding this meeting.

DLA-TS representatives reported no issues with the implementation of REPSHIP at this time, and would continue to support testing and operation.

GFM Representatives reported no changes.

GATES Representatives reported no changes.

FACTS Representatives reported no changes.

## PENDING DTR CHANGES

The latest draft version of Chapter 205, Paragraph L and Figure 205-13 dated 26-Apr-11 was provided via the technical secretary from Mr. Cary Conklin for review. This revision contains the latest changes that were forwarded by the Navy for consideration.

Question was raised regarding when REPSHIP is fully implemented/automated will the options for submission via email and FAX be removed from the regulations. After considerable discussion significant concerns remained that a fully automated REPSHIP process may not be possible, especially where certain intelligence components were concerned due to the inability to completely remove the human element from the REPSHIP process. Significant additional discussion is still necessary in order to ensure that the DTR changes meet the functional requirements.

## DTR DATA REQUIREMENTS

The data requirements outlined in the attachment from Mr. Conklin are still under review by the DEDO. After review, if it is determined that changes are required to the DTEB IC's to support the DTR requirements the DEDO will facilitate submission of the applicable DM item(s).

## AIR STAFF UPDATE

Representatives from the Air Staff advised that the CONUS to CONUS REPSHIP functionality has been implemented. Thus far no feedback has been provided however feedback is anticipated as the functionality is more fully extended. REPSHIP functionality for O-CONUS shipments is currently on hold as issues are addressed with shipments moving multi-modal.

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## NEW BUSINESS

Question was raised and discussion held regarding the integration of REPSHIP capabilities into DTTS. After considerable conversation the issue was agreed to be taken off-line and coordinated by Air Staff, DLA and DTTS with a report back at the next REPSHIP WG teleconference.

## SYNCHRONIZATION TASK GROUP (STG)

The technical secretary gave a brief update on efforts to integrate the STG work into the time slot that is currently utilized by the REPSHIP WG. As efforts to implement the REPSHIP requirement begin to draw down toward a conclusion, the DTEB Co-Chair is recommending that the monthly REPSHIP WG teleconference begin to include efforts of the STG to coordinate the synchronization of other DTEB Implementation Conventions (ICs).

The technical secretary provided a brief update on the status of current implementation efforts of ICs since the June 11 DTEB meeting:

The following Version 1 ICs were created implementing approved DMs:

- 214A – DM #1013
- 315A – DM # 1011
- 856A – DM # 1015, 1016
- 858B – DM # 896, 1010, 1014
- 858E – DM # 1007
- 858M – DM # 1005, 1017

Of the Version 1 IC's produced only the 858M has been published. All other Version 1 IC's are currently pending USTRANSCOM approval.

### **I. Synchronization for November 2011 testing of 858B**

The DTEB Co-Chair advised that on 20-Jun-11 an e-mail was sent requesting the DLA Process Owner and FACTS and GATES Program Managers provide responses to the following issues via email by COB 01-Jul-11:

- Commitment to test 858B which includes all approved Version 0 DMs during November 2011
- Commitment to fix during the test period any program issues discovered during testing
- Commitment to coordinate during the test period to establish a firm date for implementation by all three systems

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- Confirm that each of the identified DM actions had been or would be included in systems software to be tested. Provide specific justification for any DM actions that are not included.
  - Coordinate any additional formal or informal changes to Version 0 of the IC, not included in the listed DMs, and provide a summary of agreed changes that will be tested in November 2011.

On 19-Jul-11 due to lack of response by the 01-Jul-11 suspense date the DTEB Co-Chair sent follow on email to the PO/PM's requesting response with new suspense date of 22-Jul-11.

On 19-Jul-11 the DSS PO advised that DSS approved the implementation plan and test schedule, committed to testing with trading partners and indicated DSS was awaiting FIRM commitment from other trading partners. The response included no information regarding specific DMs that were included in the DSS development.

On 20-Jul-11 the FACTS PM advised that FACTS was committed to testing during November 11 and fixing and retesting issues found prior to being deployed into the FACTS production environment. The PM also provided a list of DMs FACTS considered part of the testing.

On 20-Jul-11 a reminder was sent from the DTEB Co-Chair to GATES and DLA advising that all DMs in the original list needed to be addressed, either approving for testing and implementation, or justifying why it would not be supported.

On 28-Jul-11 the GATES PM indicated GATES would not be parsing data from certain of the DMs that were considered 'in scope' because GATES did not require the data content. These messages would not be rejected; GATES simply advised that they would not parse the data. Indication was given that any DMs not provided for consideration were considered 'out of scope' and would not be supported.

It was noted that CMOS has also completed some testing of the 858B with DSS. These efforts were based on a release of the IC based on a specific date which was not immediately available. CMOS representatives advised that the version date of the IC would be determined and provided to the DTEB Co-Chair; the DTEB Co-Chair advised that CMOS would be included in future 858B implementation efforts.

The DTEB Co-Chair advised that another 858B synchronization teleconference would be established before the DTEB Committee meeting scheduled for the end of August 11 with an agenda to specifically resolve uncertainties these responses have left.

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Questions were raised by the Work Group members regarding version implementation process management. Concerns were regarding need for a better method to manage individual system version support and an approval process for implementation of specific IC versions across the enterprise. Additionally the WG members recommended that a process be implemented that allows transparency of DM level support by the individual systems. The DTEB Co-Chair acknowledged that additional controls and process improvements were necessary and that these were currently under development by the DTEB support staff.

**II. Updating IC's to Version 1 and posting to secure and public DTEB web sites**

The DTEB Co-Chair advised that review of three of the 5 Version 1 ICs has been completed. Each of these ICs requires minor changes prior to posting. The DTEB support staff is working to have these ICs posted to the DTEB secure site before 12-Aug-11. Timing for posting to the public site is dependent on the workload of IT resources (not under the control of the DTEB support staff) that manage the public site.

**III. Synchronization of Version 1 implementations**

Synchronizing implementation of Version 1 IC changes will begin during a specific session at the DTEBC meeting scheduled as part of the Data Summit

**IV. Status of Integrating STG Charter into the DTEB Charter**

Suspense for staffing of the draft integrated charter within the EDI is 8-Aug-11. As soon as the DTEB support staff completes adjudication of the responses the integrated charter will be forwarded to the full DTEBC for staffing.

## WRAP-UP/SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

A lack of time prevented the group from establishing a time for the next REP-SHIP WG teleconference. Tentatively the DEDO is recommending the next call be scheduled in conjunction with the DTEB and Data Summit meeting to be held the week of 29-Aug-11. A separate agenda including dial in coordinates will be provided prior to the meeting.