

## DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION ELECTRONIC BUSINESS (DTEB) COMMITTEE

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

29 SEPTEMBER 2011

## REPSHIP Work Group

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### 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 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 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. Currently working towards participation in the November 2011 858B (TCMD) testing process with release 5.0 estimated for 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2012.
- FACTS Representatives reported no changes relative to REPSHIP, but did take the opportunity to open a short discussion on implementation of the 9801

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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-DTEBAccount@ustranscom.mil](mailto:USTC-DTEBAccount@ustranscom.mil).

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data group of the 858B. The indication was that DSS will implement the capability in /release 12.2 in May 2012. Other trading partners will be ready to move from T4 workaround to data group 9801 capability.

- CMOS representatives advised systems programmed and operating.
- DSS representatives indicated system coding completed. 315N is now fully deployed in production environment. Limited 856A deployment has been completed.
- IGC Representatives reported development complete and released into the production environment effective 30-Aug-11.
- DLA-TS representatives reported no issues with the implementation of REPSHIP at this time, and would continue to support testing and operation.

## DTR PART II CHAPTER 205 UPDATE

On 8-Sep-11 Mr. Gary Conklin sent email notification to the Services and DLA DTR Part II Action Officers starting the initial coordination process for changes to Chapter 205 of the DTR. The REPSHIP guidance is included in paragraph L of this DTR update.

The Services were given a suspense date of 24-Oct-11 to review the chapter and provide their comments/concurrence.

A copy of the updated DTR Part II, Chapter 205 that was sent to the Services for coordination was provided to the REPSHIP Work Group distribution list following this call.

After review, members of the REPSHIP Work Group that have issues or comments with the new guidance must address them to their specific DTR Service Representative. Comments will only be accepted by the DTR Administrator from the appointed DTR Services Representatives. Comments will not be received from sources other than the DTR Services Representatives.

REPSHIP Work Group members were reminded that the DTR is 'procedural guidance' (not system guidance) for the local ITO/TMO. Regarding REPSHIP and automation, even though the DTR contains reference to new automation in the REPSHIP process, the shipper is still required to contact a person at the next receiving point [node]/destination to verify the shipment can be received.

REPSHIP Work Group members were again reminded to direct their comments to their DTR Services Representative, not to the REPSHIP Work Group or DTEB Chair.

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# DTR DATA REQUIREMENTS UPDATE

Mr. John Will provided an update on the data reporting requirements based on the current draft version of DTR Part II Chapter 205, Figure 205-13 as provided in the afore mentioned draft version. The REPSHIP required data elements not in the 856A-14 are:

- Round count
- Lot numbers
- Security Risk Category
- DODIC/NALC

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 until 24-Oct-11 to ensure no additional data requirement are submitted from the DTR Services Representatives.

## DTR QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Following the DTR Data Requirements Updates Mr. Will opened the call to questions from the work group members. The following issues were raised:

1. Based on the current draft of chapter 205 will a REPSHIP be required for a non sensitive, non-classified HAZMAT shipment.

Figure 205-13 title reads:

“REPSHIP Data Requirements for Individual Shipment of HAZMAT and Inert Component Parts – CONUS to CONUS, CONUS to Overseas Locations, or From All Overseas Locations”

This would indicate that REPSHIP is required for individual non-sensitive, non-classified HAZMAT shipments.

Section L of chapter 205 reads:

### 1. REPSHIP Requirements

1. TOs must ensure a REPSHIP is submitted for all TPS shipments CONUS to CONUS, export from CONUS, and shipments from all OCONUS locations. The final CONUS or OCONUS transshipment node (e.g., APOD, SPOD) must transmit a follow-on REPSHIP to the shipment consignee. This assures most recent carrier and RDD information is available at destination.

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This section does not indicate that a REPSHIP is required for individual non-sensitive, non-classified HAZMAT shipments. These two sections lead to confusion as to the requirement for REPSHIP in this case. Mr. Will agreed to take an action item to follow up with the DTR Administrator on this issue and report back to the work group.

2. Concerns were raised by the REPSHIP Work Group Chair regarding the scope of work. The REPSHIP Work Group was established as a technical work group of the DTEB Committee tasked with defining and implementing the 856A and 315N Implementation Conventions (IC) in support of the REPSHIP automation requirement. The REPSHIP Work Group continues to coordinate the implementation of these IC's.

The responsibility for setting the REPSHIP policy, process and requirements should be and is an OSD responsibility. Neither the DTEB nor the REPSHIP Work Group under DTEB is authorized to make policy or determine the business process.

Mr. Jim Wakeley agreed to coordinate with DLA, USTRANSCOM and OSD to express the work group concerns and request OSD re-establish their workgroup on REPSHIP business process/policy.

## NEW BUSINESS

Question was raised and discussion held regarding the REPSHIP capabilities for CONUS to OCONUS and OCONUS to CONUS moves. After discussion it was agreed that the IC capabilities support both movement scenarios and that procedural issues related to correct reporting may need to be further addressed. This further reiterates the need for well defined and documented REPSHIP reporting policy and business process.

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# Synchronization Task Group (STG)

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## STG / DTEB CHARTER INTEGRATION

The technical secretary gave a brief update on efforts to integrate the STG and DTEB charters. Members were reminded that a copy of the integrated charter had been forwarded to the task group for review on 21-Sep-11. Some comments had been received and were under review by the Task Group Chair. Common throughout the responses was questions regarding why the DTEB and STG charters were being combined into a single charter.

Mr. Will advised that based on the comments received; consideration would be given to further modification of the charter and took action item to integrate comments received to date as well as any additional comments that task group members provide.

## UPDATING IC'S – IMPLEMENTATION OF DM 1023 IN 856A

Mr. Will advised that DM 1023 had received functional approval and requested if there were any objections from the task group with implementation of the DM in the 856A as version 2. No objections were noted and release of Version 2 of the 856A was approved.

## SYNCHRONIZATION FOR NOVEMBER 2011 TESTING OF 858B

Mr. Will led a discussion between DSS, FACTS, GATES and CMOS representatives on their efforts to be prepared for November testing of the 858B. The following issues were addressed:

- Status of GATES 4.0 support for DM 758. GATES representatives reported that DM is supported in release 4.0 which is ready for the November testing period.
- GATES support of radioactive material unit of measure (UOM) as outlined in DM 803. GATES representatives reported that this information is not required by GATES but indicated they would follow up with programming staff to determine impact on GATES systems when received on the 858B. Result of the GATES follow-up is that this data “will be

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dropped on the floor” with no impact on receiving and processing other data in the transaction.

- Implementation of DM 807 in support of 463L air pallet processing codes. All participants reported this DM is supported.
- GATES requirement to support DM 810 in support of shelf life and cube rounding indicators. GATES representatives reported that this information is not required by GATES but indicated they would follow up with programming staff to determine impact on GATES systems when received on the 858B. Result of the GATES follow-up is that this data “will be dropped on the floor” with no impact on receiving and processing other data in the transaction.
- GATES support of weight or volume qualifiers to delineated list as FACTS passes in transactions per DM 826. GATES only supports weights passed in Kilograms (KG). GATES representatives reported that this functionality will likely be supported eventually but is currently not planned. All other participants reported supporting this functionality. Result of the GATES follow-up is that GATES will interpret any value for HAZMAT weight as being in kilograms.
- Implementation of DM 821 for code value support of non- special priority/RDD 463L pallets. All participants reported this DM is supported.
- GATES support of DM 838 with the exception of short shelf life codes. GATES representatives confirmed support of this DM except for the short shelf life codes as indicated.
- GATES support of CIIC’s (DM 842). GATES representatives reported that this information is not required by GATES but indicated they would follow up with programming staff to determine impact on GATES systems when received on the 858B. Result of the GATES follow-up is that this data “will be dropped on the floor” with no impact on receiving and processing other data in the transaction.
- GATES support of DM 863 for hazardous type pack codes. GATES representatives reported that DM is supported in release 4.0.
- Should a formal test plan be developed for use by the trading partners? After discussion it was determined that there exists a check list of issues to be verified by testing but that no formal test plan is being produced. All representatives agreed to this approach.

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## WRAP-UP/SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

A special call of the components implementing/testing the 858B in November has been set for 13-Oct-11. The technical secretary will forward meeting invite and agenda for that call via separate correspondence.

The next regularly scheduled call of the REPSHIP Work Group and STG is scheduled for 27-Oct. The technical secretary will forward meeting invite and agenda for that call via separate correspondence.