



Cargo Newsletter

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Welcome to the April 2005 edition of IATA's Cargo Newsletter, which deals with the introduction of IATA's New Global Head of Cargo, news from the recent Cargo Week Conferences, updates on Cargo Automation and Facilitation, Dangerous Goods Board meeting, the newly revised and updated 10th edition of the ULD Technical Manual, the last ICAO AVSEC meeting and our record-breaking CASS activities amongst others. This newsletter is issued in conjunction with the latest CEO brief from our Director General, Giovanni Bisignani. [Click here](#). We continue to welcome your feedback and suggestions for improving our communications to you.

WELCOME, ALEKS POPOVICH IATA's New Global Head of Cargo

Mr. Aleks Popovich, who was recently appointed as IATA's Global Head of Cargo was introduced to the industry at the Cargo Week Conference held in Lisbon, Portugal in March 2005. He joins IATA from British Airways where he held the positions of Head of Business Transformation, Head of Passenger Revenue Management and Head of Cargo Network Management.

"We are delighted to have Aleks join the IATA team", said Mr. Tom Murphy, Senior Vice President, Industry Distribution & Financial Services, "and we look forward to working with him on issues and opportunities that are vital to the continued success and growth of the air cargo industry, as we move forward with Simplifying the Business of air cargo". Interviewed during a recent staff session in Montreal, Mr. Popovich said the leadership that IATA has shown in enabling air transportation to transform itself in light of 9/11, SARS, the Iraqi war, etc., was one of the main motivating factors in joining the organization. He is looking forward to working closely with customers, industry stakeholders, and the IATA team in building a simpler, electronic and paper free air cargo industry.

We welcome Aleks to IATA.

CARGO WEEK 2005 → A "ROARING" SUCCESS

The annual gathering of the Cargo Industry heads under the guise of IATA's Cargo Committee kicked off the week's proceedings, which saw the introduction of Mr. Aleks Popovich as IATA's new Global Head of Cargo.

- The Committee debated industry strategic and priority issues and focused extensively on the IATA's Simplifying the Business: "Cargo Paperless Environment" theme. Cargo security issues also received much attention. As part of IATA's ongoing governance review the Cargo Committee nominated 12 delegates who will be challenged with guiding IATA and its various cargo industry groups through the issues that lie ahead.
- The CASS Policy Group (CPG) held its 11th meeting where the CASS development plan and global data processing project "CASSlink" received positive industry endorsement. IATA has recently embarked on an aggressive IATA/CPG expansion

programme that will see 18 extensions or new CASS operations over the next two years. Already this year, CASS Egypt and CASS Saudi Arabia have commenced operations. Over the coming months CASS Thailand, Indonesia and Central America will launch.

The three Cargo Conferences, Services, Agency and Tariffs all held their annual meetings that were very well attended.

- The Cargo Services Conference, which will play a significant role in the adoption of any new standards required as part of the Cargo Paperless Programme, focused on further amendments to the standards and procedures required to fulfill the various international requests from national customs and security units for advanced electronic cargo information.

Various reports were presented from the technical working groups addressing issues ranging from electronic booking to the inclusion by the European Union of the IATA Live Animals Regulations in its legislation.

- The Cargo Agency Conference debated various Cargo Agency programme enhancements presented to the membership. The success of the European Air Cargo Programme that has seen record numbers of new applications and a large number of branch registrations, recognized within the programme for the first time, was highlighted.

Various changes were adopted to the Agency programme as it applies in Australia, introducing the Intermediary concept.

A global template programme, modeled on the European Programme and some proposals to the Cargo programme as it applies in Canada received significant support from the Conference, although without the unanimous support required some amendments will be necessary. These will be relayed through to the IATA/ FIATA Consultative Council for follow up action.

- Delegates attending the Cargo Tariffs Conference reviewed a recommendation to rescind Resolution 502 that sought the revision of Low Density Cargo standards from 6,000cc to 5,000cc per kg. Subsequent to the meeting, the full Conference membership was consulted and a resolution was adopted on 21 March 2005 to withdraw the proposed amendment to this important industry standard. This change will come into effect once the necessary government and regulatory approvals have been obtained.

At the end of the week, Mr. Tom Murphy, IATA Senior Vice-President IDFS, in declaring the event a success remarked that “the Cargo Paperless Programme and the various CASS expansion and technology initiatives are further evidence of IATA’s ongoing commitment to Air Cargo as we collectively seek to ensure a robust and financially secure industry”.

CARGO AUTOMATION AND FACILITATION

Customs

The Cargo Services Conference also approved Resolution changes to facilitate the advance electronic cargo reporting requirements for United States Customs & Border Protection Agency. This included changes to Resolution 600a (Air Waybill Completion) and the related development of technical amendments to the Cargo-IMP message standard as follows:

- Air Waybill Data (FWB) message to indicate when a Forwarder transmits HWB details directly to Customs;
- Air Waybill Data (FWB) message to indicate when a local transfer at destination is required;
- Air Waybill Data (FWB) to include the total Shipper’s Load and Count (SLAC) on the Air Waybill for each loaded piece, not only for ULDs;
- Consolidation List (FHL) and Unit Load Device Manifest (FUM) messages to include the total Shipper’s Load and Count (SLAC);
- Air Waybill Data (FWB) and Consolidation List (FHL) messages to include the HTS code as additional information to the description of the goods.

The Cargo Data Interchange Task Force is currently undertaking this development activity and amendments should be included in the 25th Edition of the Cargo Interchange Message Procedures Manual, effective 1 October 2005.

DANGEROUS GOODS UPDATE

- The Dangerous Goods Board (DGB/86) meeting was held in Turkey from March 14 to 17, 2005 in Izmir, Turkey. It was attended by members and observers from 22 airlines, as well as representatives from the Turkish Civil Aviation Authority, the Turkish International Freight Forwarders Association (UTIKAD), Gözen Air Services a leading ground handling agent and IATA Accredited Dangerous Goods Training School and IATA Partner, DGM Support.
- Amongst items discussed were the results of the recent meeting of the UN Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods that were adopted into the 14th edition of the UN Model Regulations, working papers available for the forthcoming meeting of the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel as well as specific proposals submitted by members and observers to amend the content of the DGR.
- In addition, just prior to the DGB, a meeting of a sub-group of the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel convened to discuss the restructure of the Packing Instructions contained in the ICAO Technical Instructions. Work on the Packing Instructions had commenced some time ago, but due to concerns expressed by a number of Panel members, the terms of reference had been revised and the restructuring re-commenced. IATA acted, as the Secretary of the sub-group and the results of this meeting will be presented to the ICAO DGP WG/05 meeting in Montreal in April 2005.
- IATA attended the US Air Transport Association Hazmat Committee that was held in Washington DC. Significant items addressed at this meeting were the impending ban on carriage of lighters by passengers and forthcoming changes to allow the transport of micro fuel cells that will power consumer electronic devices. IATA is working closely with industry and regulators to develop appropriate controls for the carriage of these micro fuel cells to ensure that airlines are not tasked with the responsibility for categorization, while at the same time preventing any degradation of safety by permitting their carriage in passenger baggage.

LIVE ANIMALS AND PERISHABLES

- Council Regulation (EC) No1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations will replace Directives 91/629 and 95/29 with effect from 5 January 2007. This Regulation can be found at: [click here](#)
The Regulation will apply to the transport of live vertebrate animals within the EU, but also provides for compliance checks by officials of shipments entering and leaving EU territory. ‘Non-commercial’ and certain other transport is excluded. The Regulation carries forward, in principle, much of what is required by Directives 91/629 and 95/29. The 32nd LAR will reflect this new situation.
- USDA reports foreign carriers transporting dogs intended for retail sale, in violation with US Animal Welfare Act. Points of entry mentioned include New York (JFK), Miami, Chicago, Boston and Los Angeles with most animals originating from Eastern Europe or Russia, directly or indirectly. USDA is currently dealing with the problems at local station level and seeks to increase the awareness level with membership in order to avoid problems relating to stocking densities, lack of (presence) food and water containers and ventilation. Further intended USDA action includes escalating the problems to member’s head quarters, should the situation fail to improve, as well as fines or other legal action as may deemed appropriate.
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- Are you cold chain ready? What about using RFID technology when shipping Perishables, is it possible and where are the hurdles? Where do you go to and whom do you contact at the airline when shipping PER? HACCP and vaccine transportation, how does it work? All of these issues are considered in the next Perishable Cargo Manual, with a special focus on perishable classification (an entirely new chapter), pharmaceutical transport in a cold chain environment and the problems encountered in shipping perishables when using RFID technology. The 5th edition of this manual has benefited from the many comments and feedback received by the industry and its structure has been re-aligned to reflect customer demand.

Products Development and Member Services

Would you like to get involved in product development; are you part of our surveys? Some exciting new products for integration into existing cargo IT systems or other shipper solutions are currently being developed in the area of AVI and PER transport. Whether in E-lists, CD-ROM or other type media, whether it involves content such as 3D animated containers or packages, you really should be involved in its development. Alternatively if you simply wish to be kept abreast or express your interest in being visible in these new ventures, send an email to:
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UNIT LOAD DEVICE (ULD) TECHNICAL MANUAL

The newly revised and updated 20th Edition of the ULD Technical Manual, effective May 1, 2005 is now available. It is published for airlines, handling companies, freight forwarders and industry suppliers, and it outlines all industry standard specifications with easy-to-understand illustrations along with equipment handling guidelines and best practices. It has a helpful ISO/SAE/IATA Standards Correspondence Table with cross-references to national and international certification standards along with a constantly updated lists

of ULD and related equipment manufacturers, specialized service providers and leasing companies that are IATA registered suppliers. The manual has new type codes, a new Contour Description and Assignment Table along with updated standard contours. It is available for purchase through the IATA website at: [click here](#).

CARGO SECURITY TASK FORCE (CSTF) MEETING – MARCH 8

The CSTF agreed on work plans and immediate next steps in the following key areas:

- **North American Harmonization**
- Push to remove restrictions on transport of unknown cargo aboard passenger aircraft (post screening).
- Seek amendments to new screening mandates in US Aircraft Operator Standard security program/Model Security Programs.
- Continue to provide input to Transport Canada process.
- **European Harmonization**
- Seek limitations on article 6 (implementation of additional security measures) and identify solution on how to return to baseline security level when threat subsides.
- Standardization of Air Carrier Standard Security Program formats.
- Acceptance of industry positions by the EU Regulatory Committee.
- **Asia-Pacific Harmonization**
- Finalize and promote industry position paper to harmonize with ICAO, North American and European initiatives.
- **Supply Chain Security Harmonization**
- Work with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and other industry stakeholders to co-ordinate efforts to ensure World Customs Organization (WCO) Supply Chain Security Framework document account for industry positions.
- Ensure harmonization of US Customs Trade Partnership Against terrorism (C-TPAT) program and other national programs with World Customs Organization (WCO) framework.

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) AVSEC PANEL MEETING

At the recent ICAO AVSEC Panel meeting, IATA was successful in having the Panel adopt all industry positions related to cargo security in the revision of ICAO Annex 17. IATA will continue to monitor progress of the amendments through the ICAO approval process. IATA will also be heavily involved in developing the air cargo security implementation guidance material for the ICAO Security Manual.

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CASS EXPANSION PLANS → GROWING THE NETWORK

The CASS Policy Group (CPG) has endorsed an aggressive IATA led plan to introduce 18 new CASS operations over the next two years. This ambitious target is built on a foundation established by the introduction of CASSlink, the global web based CASS data processing solution.

This leading edge technology backbone facilitates a simplified approach to CASS expansion. Since the CPG endorsement much activity has taken place, and we are poised to commence a series of new operational launches throughout the year. CASS Egypt launched in January 2005 and final testing is underway for Saudi Arabia and Thailand. New operations covering markets in Latin America, Europe and Asia are expected to come on-line in the coming months.

CASS → coming to a country near you soon!

CASSLINK → SUCCESS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Since its launch in December 2003, a systematic program has ensued to migrate all existing CASS operations to IATA's CASS data processing solution "CASSlink". CASSlink is a web-based technology solution which introduces an array of enhanced CASS processing features for both Airlines and Agents alike, including self service data validations, daily processing, fully electronic output, on-line adjustment features and an industry credit monitoring module.

Currently 22 CASS operations covering 28 countries have migrated with more being cut over-reach month. Monthly processing volumes equate to over 700,000 AWB's, which represent in excess of 66% of global CASS transactions.

HOT NEWS → CASS BREAKS RECORD

The 2004 transaction numbers are in and it has been a record-breaking year for the 34 CASS operations covering 41 countries. In 2004, 14.8 million Air Waybills were processed through CASS representing USD 16.3 billion in carrier settlements. These numbers represent a 4 % and 26 % increase respectively over 2003. Of the 14.8 million transactions, 96.2 % of them were submitted electronically.

Let us look forward to another record year in 2005!

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