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Welcome to the October 2004 edition of IATA's Cargo Newsletter which deals with the upcoming implementation of the Canadian Advance Commercial Information (ACI) Initiative, Cargo Agents Handbooks going Paperless, the Asia-Pacific (ASPAC) Air Cargo Security Harmonization Initiative, CASS Migration Update and an Internet Interline ULD Control Project amongst others. As always, this newsletter is 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.

Best Regards,

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CARGO COMMITTEE UPDATE FROM BILBAO MEETING

The 22nd meeting of IATA's Cargo Committee was held in Bilbao on the 14 September, a venue specially selected to enable delegates to also participate in The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) Air Cargo Forum, which followed afterwards.

Key topics for discussion by the Committee were security and process simplification.

Security: On the security front there was concern that much of the US Customs & Border Protection (CBP's) advance manifesting programme was still being left to local interpretation at the port of entry which was creating confusion between airlines and forwarders over the correct way of reporting data. This in turn led to the question of liability. There is no doubt that the CBP only recognizes the airline when it comes to both the provision and accuracy of data provided. This leaves airlines exposed where they rely on Forwarders for the provision of data, or the Forwarders submit directly into the system. It was noted that penalty costs could extend far beyond the proposed fines set out by the CBP if aircraft were impounded, or denied entry to the US. The Committee agreed to develop a white paper on these issues, which could be used to establish a more logical and equitable security programme that encompasses the full logistics chain and all partners.

Process Simplification: In considering process simplification the Committee felt that whilst there were a number of automation initiatives that addressed various parts of the cargo process there was no over-arching initiative that would bring all of these individual initiatives into an aligned process. It was therefore agreed to evaluate the feasibility of creating a "Cargo Paperless Environment"

which would seek to align systems and processes from booking to settlement. The project would take into account the work already undertaken by booking engines such as GFX, CPS and EasyCargo, quality improvement through Cargo 2000, IATA's Paperless AWB Project, and E-settlement processes. A proposal is expected to be tabled at the next Board of Governors' meeting in December.

Next Meeting Venue: Finally, it was agreed to hold the 23rd meeting of the Committee in Lisbon during March 2005, whilst the 25th meeting will be held in Shanghai in association with Airfreight Asia.

CASS POLICY GROUP UPDATE

The 9th CASS Policy Group also met in Bilbao, Spain on 13-14 September. Several key issues were addressed including CASS expansion plans.

CASS Expansion Plans: The meeting endorsed the feasibility studies undertaken for two new CASS operations, Malta and Cyprus, as well as agreeing to take forward regional extension plans for Central America. The CPG reinforced the industry priorities of Hong Kong and India in addition to accelerating the finalisation for CASS Thailand.

The CPG was advised that CASS central and regional support teams will be enhanced with the appointments of the vacant Area Directors for Cargo expected to be announced shortly. Additionally the appointments of new CASS Managers for Canada, Egypt and Saudi Arabia have been confirmed. With these appointments, CASS Egypt and CASS Saudi Arabia are expected to launch live operations during Q1 2005, with testing commencing Q4 2004.

CASSLink: An update was provided regarding the CASS Global Data processing system, CASSlink. The CPG reconfirmed its support for the global standardization approach whilst ensuring that local services based on current service provisions are maintained.

Statistical and financial performance indicators and data were reviewed. Since the inception of the new European Air Cargo Program in May 2004, the CASS Settlement integrity figures have been maintained at the historically successful levels.

SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CANADIAN ADVANCE COMMERCIAL INFORMATION (ACI) INITIATIVE

Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) will be meeting with the airlines in October to finalize their Participants' Requirements Document for their Advance Commercial Information (ACI) initiative. Implementation for the air mode is scheduled for May 9th, 2005. Similar to the United State's requirements, the cargo and conveyance data must be transmitted electronically to the CBSA at least 4 hours before the arrival of the plane at the airport in Canada, or by "wheels up" if the voyage is less than 4 hours. The CBSA will only be accepting EDIFACT messages for the air mode.

The airlines are relieved that each carrier cooperating in "code share" flight arrangements will be allowed to report their own cargo information to both American and Canadian authorities. IATA and the ATA have cooperatively lobbied heavily on the airlines behalf to ensure the continuation of code share reporting.

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CARGO AGENT'S HANDBOOKS GO PAPERLESS!

The Cargo Agent's Handbooks published every year by IATA are intended to communicate to the airfreight community Cargo Conference decisions governing industry practices as well as any relevant industry regulatory developments. In addition to the general rules and regulations governing the trading relationship between IATA Cargo Agents and appointing Member Airlines, each Cargo Agent's Handbook also contains specific regulations, which pertain only to the geographical region within which the particular handbook is applicable.

In the past, Cargo Agent's Handbooks have been published on paper in several languages as illustrated in the table below.

Region	Handbook also known as	English	French	Spanish
Worldwide	Resolution 801	✓		
Canada	Resolution 803	✓	✓	
Areas 2 & 3	Resolutions 801 & 805		✓	
Europe / Area 2	Resolution 805	✓		✓
China	Resolution 807	✓		
South West Pacific	Resolution 809	✓		
Latin America & the Caribbean	Resolution 813	✓		✓

This year we enter a new era, as all the above handbooks will, from now on, be available in an electronic format. Effective October 2004, IATA will indeed make all handbooks available to customers on CD ROM. Resolutions pertaining to Europe will be available from the **European Air Cargo Programme (EACP) Handbook** CD ROM, while all other handbooks will be bundled into the **Regional Cargo Agent's Handbook Library** CD ROM (see picture below).



Bringing Cargo Agent's Handbooks into an electronic environment has many advantages, including:

- Putting all information required by customers just one click away
- Making non-English versions of the handbooks accessible to a much wider audience
- Encouraging broad awareness and adoption of best Cargo business practices

Keep-up with the trend as many other new product developments get developed for the benefit of the Cargo industry!

ASIA-PACIFIC (ASPAC) AIR CARGO SECURITY HARMONIZATION INITIATIVE

IATA along with Cathay Pacific Airways and Singapore Airlines are leading a proactive industry effort to achieve harmonized air cargo security measures in the ASPAC region. The goal of this initiative is to achieve not only intra-regional harmonization but also inter-regional harmonization with the major air cargo security enhancement initiatives currently underway in North America and Europe. This effort will get underway with a meeting of the IATA Asia-Pacific (ASPAC) Cargo Security Harmonization Group (various stakeholders in addition to representatives of the IATA member air carriers based in the region) on 13 - 14 October hosted by Cathay Pacific Airways. The aim of this meeting is to develop a detailed industry position paper (similar to the documents developed for IATA's activities in North America and Europe) as well as a strategy to promote implementation of the industry position. This project will put in place another critical component in the industries efforts to achieve global harmonization of air cargo security measures.

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ANNUAL CARGO WORKSHOP – VENEZUELA

CASS Venezuela held its second Annual Cargo Workshop in cooperation with CASS participating Airlines such as Vensecar, Air France, Varig y Avianca, and it was well attended by 41 cargo agents. Topics covered included taxes, round up of the VEB amounts, and code assignment in AWBs for other charges. Attending agents found the workshop very useful and informational. Plans are already underway for the 3rd edition.



A cross section of the participants of the 2nd Cargo Workshop recently held in Caracas, Venezuela.

CASS MIGRATION UPDATE

The following CASSes have been migrated since the last July Cargo Newsletter:

- CASS Singapore in August 2004
- CASS Canada in July 2004
- CASS Spain in September, 2004
- CASS Portugal in September, 2004
- CASS Argentina in August 2004

The following CASSes are in the pre-implementation stage:

- CASS Southwest Pacific (SWP)
- CASS New Zealand
- CASS France
- CASS South Africa
- CASS Morocco

CASS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- CASS Egypt and Saudi Arabia in pre-implementation phase
- CASS Malta pre-implantation starts in October
- CASS Cyprus pre-implantation starts in October

The CASS Policy Group (CPG) endorsed the request for a Feasibility study for the United Arab Emirates.

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NEW LABORATORY ANIMALS CONTAINER (cr84)

The Live Animals Perishables Board facilitated the creation and introduction of a new container type (cr84) that allows for the more efficient shipment of laboratory animals such as rats, mice, gerbils, hamsters and guinea pigs under specific pathogen free conditions.

The new container, an enhancement over existing ones, allows the laboratory animals to arrive in optimal conditions within its defined health status at origin and opens the door for Member Airlines to tap this niche market.

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INTERLINE ULD

- 85 airline delegates and 15 IATA Partnership Program members attended the recent Interline ULD Control User Group meeting held in Singapore. IATA presented the recently completed phase 2 of an internet project that provides users with daily status reports on interline ULD movements. This enhances ULD control and day to day inventory.

We welcome World Airways, Etihad Airways and SN Brussels Airlines to the IATA Interline ULD User Group. Their membership brings the total number of airline participants to 65.

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- During the recent 23rd Congress of the Universal Postal Union – UPU (an event held every five years) held in Bucharest, IATA with the support of Air Mail Panel Members from KLM, SAS, JAL and BA formed a delegation that lobbied major postal administrations to embrace paperless business processes, with the objective of furthering EDI between the posts and the airlines, and the introduction of unique numeric identifiers on postal documents as part of our Airline Process Simplification efforts.

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CASS WELCOMES

CASS welcomes the following airlines and Associates to the family:

→ CASS Argentina

Cargo Agents

- SSB International

CASS Associates

- VAIATEX and International Fleyt's
- Caladan SRL

CASS Brazil - Airlines

- Transportes Aéreos Angolanos (TAAG)

CASS Associates:

- ICW De Mexico
- Comercial Y Consolidadora Zamora
- Kamara Freight Agenciamento
- Advance Int'l Cargo
- Premier Interlog E Armazens Gerais,
- Nuno Ferreira Cargas Internacionais
- Mananga Pica Flor

- **CASS Chile**
 - Dangerous and Dry Cargo
 - Lucsa Cargo
 - Ian Taylor Y Cia S.A
- **CASS Costa Rica** - Air Canada (AC)
- **CASS Greece** – *Airlines*
 - Gulf Air
 - Emirates
 - Thai Airways
 - Singapore Airlines
- **CASS Ireland** – *Airlines*
 - BMIbaby Limited
 - China Southern Airlines
 - Hellas Jet SA
 - Air Baltic Corporation AS
- CASS Associates:*
 - Dream Trade
- **CASS Mexico**
 - Cargo Agents*
 - Europartners Mexico
 - Transportadora Intercontinental
 - CASS Associates*
 - CASS Associate ABX Logistics
 - Elia Espinosa y CIA
- **CASS Peru** - LYS Forwarders
- **CASS Panama**
 - Unik Transport & Logistics Solutions
- **CASS Singapore** - Emirates (EK) and Qantas (QF)
- **CASS Venezuela**
 - Cargo Agents*
 - Servicios Nacionales de Aduana

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