



Minutes of the PROTECT meeting # 31

Location: Handelskammer, Am Markt 13, Bremen

Hosted by: Port of Bremen

Date: 28 June 2016.

1. Opening by Chairman

Uwe welcomes the participants and Jerome opens the meeting at 10:00, thanking Uwe for his hospitality and arrangements. Jerome reflects on the last meeting in Valencia. This was a special meeting with a different set-up and perhaps not all topics of PROTECT were properly addressed there.

2. Minutes of previous meeting # 30 (Valencia)

The minutes were presented and adopted without any remarks.

3. Action points.

(1) IMO support: Jerome reports the current status following IMO FAL 40. It appears that the WCO has sufficient capacity to maintain the Edifact messages for IMO FAL and IMO decided that there is no possibility to go back anymore. That point has been discussed as well during our last meeting in Valencia with UN/CEFACT. We had a phone call with Mr. Tejo, team-leader of the WCO maintenance team, who promised to try to open the procedure about maintenance. We reached a new step at IMO FAL 40, PROTECT is now officially recognized by IMO as support on EDI maintenance (e.g. doc. FAL 40. WP3). Question remains how to get us involved in this process. Raymond suggest to write a draft document, explaining the requirements, distribute this to the PROTECT members and ask them for their opinion and cooperation willingness. Uwe believes that we need an EDIFACT specialist to undertake this task properly, preferably from a PCS. It is important for the PROTECT messages to remain relevant. Cor volunteered for the technical input, not for the meetings. It was decided that PROTECT must try to get involved with WCO for this matter and we must also look for the right person to do this. Jerome will ask Nico, who attended last UN/CEFACT meeting and has a strong knowledge on EDI messages. Frederic reports about the meeting in May of UN/CEFACT, subject MSW.

(2) UNNo Variants: It appears that a database for this topic will be developed and we must wait for the outcome of the EMSA tender in this connection. This subject can be closed.



- (3) **Standard Reports:** Frederic reports about the Pax and Crew List. Various formats are in use. He will follow up and keep us advised.
- (4) EMSA – Cor reports and he will distribute correspondence as soon as it becomes available.
- (5) **Message Matrix:** A questionnaire was distributed some time ago. Hans could not attend and no status information is available.
- (6) **Security information in BERMAN:** Jaume could not attend. No further information is available at this point.
- (7) **ISPS in NL:** Raymond presents this situation in The Netherlands.

4. Status of the MSW implementations

Raymond presents the updated Quick Scan document, version 1.0. (see PROTECT website).

5. Presentation on ESPO port expert group meeting.

Raymond presents the ESPO roadmap for trade facilitation, as presented during the ESPO meeting of 2016-06-28. (see PROTECT website). A refit of the e-maritime is undertaken, an experts group involving port authorities will soon be constituted to work on it.

6. PROTECT Organization

6.1. Workgroup/Commissions

Jerome is working on a first draft of the roles and organization of PROTECT. He will try to have this ready before the next meeting in October.

6.2. PROTECT workgroups initiative.

6.2.1. EDIFACT v.s. XML

- Should we support the XML versions of our messages? We know that Nico wants to work on XML-versions of our messages. He will do a presentation about this during the next meeting.
- Cor prefers XML for the communication with Portbase (PCS in NL) and he believes XML has the future. Uwe agrees.
- Jerome wants to start an initiative to study the approach of XML, pros and cons.
- Stephan will work with Nico to prepare a proposal.



6.2.2. CYBERSECURITY

- Who will participate in this workgroup? Expertise is needed.
- Tanguy: Will present the French approach in October.
- Jerome will ask Hans and/or Linda of Portbase to present the IPCSA approach.

6.3. PROTECT commission Initiative

6.3.1. DG Committee

PROTECT will establish a sub-committee with a chairman who will be representative in EMSA. Jerome will invite member volunteers for such a committee. Uwe will chair this group.

6.3.2. EMSA Committee

Cor has already lots of contacts at EMSA. He will chair this committee and maintain contact with other members using a 'correspondence group'.

7. Any Other Business

Question for all participants: Which topics are to be discussed with EMSA? Jerome will arrange a visio conf meeting (2 hours max) in September to prepare our meeting with EMSA.

8. Next PROTECT meeting

Jerome proposed to plan the next meeting for November 10 or 17, 2016.

Cor will propose to EMSA to do a joint meeting in Lisbon.

9. Closing

The chairman closed the meeting at 16:00 hrs.

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