Minutes of the IPCSA PROTECT Group meeting # 41

Location: **Video conference**
Date: **June 26ᵗʰ, 2020.**

1. Opening by Chairman

Jérôme welcomes everyone and explains the purpose of the conference call. IPCSA Protect Group recently submitted a project proposal at UN/CEFACT to have the IFTDGN-message changed according to the change requests we advised based on latest regulation. Part of this project will also be the inclusion into the MMT data reference model. This conference call is to discuss the way IPCSA Protect Group can provide support to this project.

The meeting is by conference call due to the COVID-19 situation. Hopefully the next meeting can be in real life. Richard indicates that insurance still might remain an issue here.

2. IPCSA / PROTECT Code of Conduct (Annex I)

Richard introduces the IPCSA / PROTECT Code of Conduct, a set of general rules of ethics that was adopted by IPCSA. All participants of the conference call commit to the code.

3. IFTDGN changes in scope (Project Part A)

Arno presents a summary of the 7 changes we ask UN/CEFACT to process. The changes have been described in DMR format last year already. The UN project now launched is procedurally the way to elaborate (if necessary) and realize the changes.

4. Introduction to MMT data reference model (Project Part B)

Nico explains part B of the project, which takes care of including the missing IFTDGN data elements in the general MMT-reference model.

5. Discussion role of PROTECT Group supporting the project

5.1 IFTDGN

Most of the work in describing the changes (DMR's) has already been done by PROTECT. The DMR's will be submitted on the next meeting of the UN/CEFACT standards committee. Nico will check the timelines **(@41.1 Nico)**.

Meanwhile PROTECT will submit a draft version of the implementation guide of IFTDGN, in which these changes will already be incorporated **(@41.2 Arno)**. It will be stressed that this is a preliminary version, anticipating the formal UN/CEFACT changes. This way organizations using IFTDGN can already prepare for the new version.

Nico suggests to have a survey within IPCSA to investigate the use of this message by IPCSA members. Richard thinks this a good idea, and will organize this with help of Frederic and Nico **(@41.3 Richard)**.

Nico raised the question whether it would be possible somehow to exchange IFTDGN-data between ports. That way, ports might have information on dangerous cargo sooner, and/or provide them a second input source for validation. Cor thinks that would be difficult from a 'legal' point of view, since the captain will remain responsible for providing the correct data; ports acting on other inputs might encounter problems on this aspect. Making data from one port available to carriers/agents in the next port will probably only be useful for small carriers. The larger carriers, operating world-wide use their own systems to generate IFTDGN-messages from; those carriers have the data already in their systems, and will re-use it directly, not via the ports. Cor also stresses that the quality of data currently shared via EMSA is poor.

5.2 MMT

Most of the IFTDGN data elements have already been included in the MMT reference model. PROTECT Group could support by comparing these elements to its draft MIG that includes the requested IFTDGN changes, and make an inventory of the differences. Next step would be to incorporate them in the MMT. Portbase is willing to help here, by using their EDI-tool. Mees tells us we could directly contact Marcel Coumans for that. Cor is willing to schedule a meeting of a small group (Cor, Nico, Arno, Marcel) shortly. On second thought it is decided to wait a little longer, and first await the first results of part A of the project.

5.3 Planning

Jérôme asks if there is a list of tasks and planning, so we might be able to assign some work, if required. Nico says the work and deliverables have been described in the project proposal. Most important deliverable of part A is a Business Requirements Specification, which is in fact a list of the DMR's (and those have been specified already). Nico will check whether a separate BRS is required **(@41.4 Nico)**.

6. Any other business

6.1   IPCSA Guidelines

Richard mentions that IPCSA has published guidelines for Port Community Systems in small and medium sized ports. These guidelines are part of a series of guidelines IPCSA is developing to provide practical advice, support and guidance.

IPCSA will also launch the Network of Trusted Networks this week, through a press release.

Richard thinks there is a need for some kind of "Guide on standards" which is a brief overview of all standards used in exchanging data in the Marine domain, and where to find them. This might be something PROTECT Group could take up. Arno will add this to the agenda of our next regular meeting **(@41.5 Arno)**

6.2   Marine Declaration of Health (MDoH)

Hans addresses the Marine Declaration of Health, and asks whether a standard message is available. It appears not; the IMO form is all there seems to be. Cor adds that it might be something to work on, since in Rotterdam currently 3000 MDoH's are sent in per month. This also might be something for PROTECT Group. Arno will add this to the agenda of our next regular meeting **(@41.6 Arno)**.

Nico explains that the MDoH data elements have been discussed and validated by the IMO expert group; he will check the status with Sue **(@41.7 Nico).** If the elements have been included in the MMT already, generating a message will be quite easy.

Cor mentions that currently Excel-sheets are used; different forms in different ports. One standard Excel would make life a lot easier already. Hans has examples from Israel and Belgium; Jaume from Spain. They will send these to Arno **(@41.8 Hans/Jaume)**.

6.3   Update on EMSA Reference Database

Cor informs us of the situation regarding the EMSA Reference Database. Two important issues have come up:

It was decided that the Ships database is to be built-up from the individual declarations by the vessel's agent. It is expected that that will lead to a lot of dicussion, because of the (expected) low quality of the data.

After a/o requests by Cor it was decided that reference data can be made available to the market (carriers, agents). However, this will not be done centrally, but through the Single Windows of every individual member state. This leads to an unnecessary burden for the market, since they must obtain the information from every single member state visited by their ships. Cor suggests that IPCSA could request for a central distribution **(@41.9 Richard)**.

7. Closing

Jérôme thanks everyone for attending. Arno will schedule a 2-hour video conference in September to discuss the follow-up of this meeting, and the status of the IFTDGN project **(@41.10 Arno)**. Meanwhile Jérôme will contact René, to see if we can have a regular meeting in Amsterdam in October or November (off course if COVID-19 will let us …). **(@41.11 Jérôme)**.

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Action Points:

37.4	Investigate use of free content management system	Mees/Arno
37.10	Ask Michael Schröder for SMDG presentation	Jérôme
37.11	Investigate options for use of other media	Mees/Arno
38.11	Review Circle 1 inventory of data requirements (Part C) for own port	All
39.1	Send Richard's presentation on IPCSA update to the members	Arno
39.2	Send the proposal of PROTECT/IPCSA collaboration to the members	Arno
39.3	Update the proposal towards 2020-aspects	Richard
39.4	Sign the proposal on behalf of PROTECT Group	Jérôme
39.5	Work on a matrix of known initiatives that might be of interest to PROTECT	Richard
39.6	Make a summary of the amendment of IMO/MSC as start for change IFTDGN	Uwe
39.7	Send list of the IMO changes in the amendment	Uwe
39.8	Send an updated presentation on the IPCSA API enabler	Richard
39.9	Share document and meeting minutes of EGDH	Nico
39.10	Submit the project on IFTDGN to UN/CEFACT, and approach parties if they are willing to fulfil the role of Project Editor	Nico
39.11	Distribute presentation by Raymond on eMSW.	Arno
41.1	Check timelines for IFTDGN change / next UN/CEFACT meeting	Nico
41.2	Publish draft version of MIG	Arno
41.3	Survey on use of IFTDSGN	Richard (Frederic, Nico)
41.4	Check whether BRS is required for part A	Nico
41.5	Add "guide on standards" to agenda	Arno
41.6	Add "MDoH message" to agenda	Arno
41.7	Check status of MDoH data elements in MMT with Sue	Nico
41.8	Send MDoH examples to Arno	Hans/Jaume
41.9	Submit IPCSA request for central distribution of EMSA reference data	Richard
41.10	Schedule next video conference	Arno
41.11	Contact René for options to have regular meeting in Amsterdam	Jérôme