



# **Joint Working Group Meeting Minutes**

## **AIR Transport Working Group (ATG)**

### **27<sup>th</sup> AFACT plenary November 3, 2009**

- **Date** : 3 November, 2009
- **Venue** : India Habitat Centre, New Delhi – India.
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- **Meeting Agenda**

Annex A

- **Minutes**

- 1. Opening Remarks**

The Chairman Mr K.S. Kunwar of AFACT-ATG welcomed and expressed his gratitude towards the members present and concern over the absence of major Airport Terminal Operators of AFACT member countries, whose presence would have been beneficial for the members present. He gave brief introduction of AFACT and its objective to the members attending AFACT Meeting first time. He also mentioned about the merging of various JVGs into three main committees i.e. Business Domain Committee (BDC), Interoperability Committee (IC) and Community Support Committee (CSC) and therefore there is a need to deliberate and decide merging of ATG in one of these committees.

Since the ATG meeting did not take place during 26<sup>th</sup> AFACT-2008 meet, held in Korea, therefore the Chairman gave brief about the deliberations held in the 25<sup>th</sup> AFACT-2007 meeting at Bangkok, Thailand for the benefit of the members.

- 2. Introduction of Participants**

The Chairman requested the participants to introduce themselves; all the participants gave their brief introduction.

- 3. Adoption of Provisional Agenda**

The Chairman sought comments from the participants on the provisional agenda (annexure –A) for adoption. The provisional agenda was agreed by members and adopted.

- 4. Election of Chair for the Next term i.e. 2009 -10**

The members unanimously approved and elected Mr. K.S. Kunwar to continue as a chair for the next term also.

- 5. Confirmation of previous Minutes**

Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> AFACT-ATG Meeting held at Bangkok- Thailand, was deliberated and confirmed by the members.

- 6. Update on Indian Initiatives in the EC/EDI in Air Cargo sector in India**

The chairman gave a brief introduction on initiatives taken by DIAL. A detailed presentation was delivered by Mr. Gurmeet Singh on updates on the initiatives taken by DIAL at IGI Airport as under.

**DIAL update on IGI Airport:**

- a) Web based EDI in Export Cargo processing, already implemented during Feb-2006 successfully.
- b) Implementation of EDI in Import was implemented during Jul-2008

**i) Implementation of EDI between Customs – Custodian.****Status of Message Exchange achieved at 98%**

MESSAGE	MESSAGE FLOW BETWEEN	TOTAL No. OF MESSAGES (Per Day)
Flight Manifest	Airlines – Customs	60-70
Import General Manifest	Customs – Custodian	60-70 (100 %)
Segregation	Custodian – Customs	60-70 (100 %)
Customs Bill of Entry	Customs – Custodian	1600- 1800
Warehouse Location information	Custodian – Customs	60-70 files (Avg.1600 Message Lines)
Customs Out of Charge for consignment	Customs – Custodian	1700
Consignment Delivery Details	Custodian – Customs	1500

**ii) Implementation of Web based EDI between Custodian and Other Trade Partners****Status of Message Exchange achieved at 98%**

MESSAGE	MESSAGE FLOW	TOTAL No. OF MESSAGES (No of DOs per day)
Master Delivery Order	Airlines – Custodian	600-700
HAWB (Sub) - Delivery Order	Consol Agent – Custodian	1500-1600
Online Payment (Custodian's Charges)	CHA (Importer) – Custodian	1600-1800

**c) Other Initiatives****• E-Auction : - Jul-2008**

For disposal of un-cleared Import / Export cargo, DIAL has implemented transparent e-Auction modules from 30/07/2008 successfully. Has conducted seven e-Auctions/ Tenders and disposed 3285 pkgs.

**• Up gradation of IT Infrastructure at Cargo Terminal :**

DIAL has upgraded its Computers Hardware, RDBMS (Relational Database Management System) and Application software, details as under.



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| 1. Up-gradation of Database from Oracle 8i to Oracle 9i          | Sep-2007 |
| 2. Up-gradation of Hardware. From RS6000 machines to P520 series | Sep-2007 |
| 3. Creation of Disaster Recovery Site (real-time based)          | Sep-2007 |
| 4. Net-Banking facility for payment of DIAL's charges.           | May-2008 |
| 5. SAP implementation (ERP)                                      | Feb-2008 |

#### **AAI Update on AAI managed Airports (Chennai and Kolkata):**

- a) Export Module fully implemented during 2006.
- b) Import module is partially implemented during 2008-09.
- c) Mr. Praveen Khandelwal, DGM-(IT), stated that AAI has planned for Centralized web based EDI system to be implemented at five airports initially at Chennai, Kolkata, Amritsar, Lucknow and Indore Airports. The services could be extended to other airports on need basis.

#### **7. Clarification on the concept of merging of JWG's:**

- On the request of the Chair, Mr. Sangwon Lim was invited to enlighten on the concept. Mr. Lim gave a detailed presentation on the subject and clarified the doubts of the members.

#### **8. Members' Observations**

- Mr. M.D. Kala, expressed his concern on non participation of major terminal operators of AFACT member countries like China, Japan, Korea etc. as their presence could have further benefited the e-Trade in Air Sector.
- In order to maintain the pace of implementation of e-Trade, it is essential to have regular and continuous dialogue among the member countries.
- Continuity of members attending the AFACT meeting should be maintained.
- Mr. S.K. Chauhan, AAI and Mr. O.P Sharma, DIAL suggested that the nodal agency may be constituted and authorized to steer the e-Trade project to its successful implementation.

#### **9. Recommendations of the Group**

- The group members recommended that the presence of the participation of major Air cargo Terminal operators of the AFACT countries like Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Seoul, Narita, Hong Kong etc. of Asia pacific region should be essential in the future AFACT meetings so that AFACT members of this region could get benefits from their shared experience. Head of Delegation are requested to incorporate members from these terminal operators in the next AFACT meeting.
- ATG secretariat, would also take up with the respective HODs of member countries for exchange of information and expertise in this sector regularly.
- AFACT secretariat is also requested to take up with the member countries for their effective participation in future ATG meetings.
- The participants recommended to offer support on "EDI Implementation in Air Sector" to the needy member countries.
- Members deliberated threadbare on the issue of merging of ATG in one of the three committees as indicated above. It was recommended by the members that ATG should be merged in BDC, however there should be sub groups to take the issues forward of their respective domains.



## **10. Future Road Map**

- DIAL offered to make an Air Cargo Community system, which could meet the requirement of each stakeholder in the business on the single window concept. The system shall be created using latest technology and standards available. DIAL sought the support of AFACT as well as Indian Govt. Concept Paper on the proposal would be submitted to HOD India for taking future course of action.

**Meeting concluded at 1800 Hours with a word of thanks to the Chair.**



**Annex A**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009**

**AGENDA  
AIR TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP (ATG) MEETING  
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi  
India**

1. Election of Chair for the Next term i.e. 2009 -10

Timings	Agenda
9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 9:40	Opening Remark of the Chair
9:40 – 10:00	Introduction of the members
10:00 – 10:20	Adoption of the provisional Agenda
10:00 – 10:40	Election of Chair for next AFACT meeting.
10:40 – 11.00	Confirmation of minutes of the 26th AFACT – ATG
11:00- 11.30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13.00	Updates on the projects from member economies
13:00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15:30	Discussions on the future Roadmaps/Priorities and projects from the AFACT Members
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17.00	Wrap up