



# IATA E-FREIGHT



## Welcome to issue 4 of IATA e-freight Operations News

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IATA e-freight is growing rapidly around the world! This regular briefing allows you to keep up with the latest developments in taking the paper out of air cargo. Find out about achievements and progress, what's new with e-freight processes and standards, additions to the e-freight route network, growth in e-freight operators, and volumes of e-freight consignments.

***IATA e-freight local representatives: please feel free to forward this information to your local air cargo supply chains!***

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### Industry ADOPTION & PENETRATION - Challenging stakeholders to adopt e-freight and drive-up volumes:

*The EF (e-freight) "Who and Where" detailed report provides the list of airlines and freight forwarders operating e-freight per country/airport (at origin and at destination) and the **Monthly EF volumes report** provides the monthly EF volumes and the league tables (top 10 EF countries at origin and at destination; top 10 EF airlines and freight forwarders). Both reports are posted on the IATA public website at <http://www.iata.org/stb/efreight/scorecards.htm>*

### Pushing for adoption

- **The first Local Adoption Meetings (LAMs)** co-organised this summer by IATA and the leading local stakeholders had strong attendance from airlines and freight forwarders and strong support from local customs at each of those locations. According to the survey conducted after the LAMs, 70% of the freight forwarders and 61% of the airlines recognize the benefits brought by e-freight and at least four additional airlines and 12 freight forwarders already plan to implement e-freight in the following months.
- **The next LAM will be held in Dubai on September 29<sup>th</sup>.** The objective is to encourage local stakeholders, especially local freight forwarders, to adopt e-freight in those markets. More details and registration forms are available at <http://www.iata.org/stb/efreight/lams.htm>

### Driving volumes up

- **Transit points:** the list of airports that can be used as transit points (freight remaining on board – FROB) for IATA e-freight continues to grow with Canadian airports and EU airports. We invite you to consult the latest list in the IATA Detailed Locations' Status Report at: <http://www.iata.org/stb/efreight/scorecards.htm>. In addition, IATA continues investigating the validity of other airports, such as Baku, Sao Paulo, Quito, Sydney, Bangkok, Karachi, Osaka, etc, through the current "Transit Campaign".
- **Special focus on Dubai:** last month, some participants were unsure of Dubai customs' support regarding IATA e-freight for import shipments. We are happy to confirm that Dubai customs has once again re-iterated and confirmed their total commitment to IATA e-freight. The use of electronic documents are fully supported by Dubai customs provided forwarders use the Mirsal 2 system to

process import shipments, in accordance with the defined Dubai e-freight operating procedures available on the IATA e-freight extranet:

- URL for external users: <https://extranet2.iata.org/sites/adoptingEF/default.aspx> (username: e-freight / password: IATA2010)
- URL for IATA staff: <https://corp-extranet.iata.org/sites/adoptingEF/default.aspx>

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## Geographic CAPABILITY - Building the e-freight route network:

**IATA 2009 board target:** 5 new countries/territories; 14 new airports within existing e-freight countries/territories.

**The EF detailed locations' status report** posted on the IATA public website at

<http://www.iata.org/stb/efreight/scorecards.htm> gives all the e-freight related information on countries, airports and trade lanes (list of live countries and airports, list of countries having passed the HLA, list of valid transit airports, list of airports likely to be live this year, and more)

## Assessing countries' readiness

- **Chile** is likely to start the implementation of e-freight before the end of the year. Only one question needs to be clarified by CL Customs before moving forward with the first implementation of e-freight in Latin America, led by IATA and LAN Cargo.
- **Israel** had a Local Action Plan defined after the Detailed Level Assessment was conducted. All the gaps are expected to be closed by end of 2009, except the final implementation of the WCO data model v3 by Israeli Customs which should be completed mid-2010. As Customs are very much interested in moving forward with e-freight, they proposed to start e-freight early 2010 before the full implementation of the WCO data model v3 by implementing one trade-lane with one set of participants.
- **India** is likely to start the Detailed Level Assessment early October. Stakeholders willing to participate in this exercise should contact the IATA India Country Manager, Sunil Chopra at [ChopraS@iata.org](mailto:ChopraS@iata.org)
- **Colombia** has passed the High Level Assessment and is starting the Detailed Level Assessment exercise driven by IATA with four airlines (Cargolux, TampaCargo, Iberia and LAN Cargo) and three freight forwarders (Kuehne + Nagel, Translago and Transandina). Stakeholders willing to join the current participants should contact the IATA Colombia Cargo Manager, Sandra Arango, [arangos@iata.org](mailto:arangos@iata.org)
- **Dominican Republic:** Customs authorities are in the process of implementing a paperless solution ("La Aduana sin papeles"), with the cooperation of the Korean government. IATA will clarify with DO Customs the scope of this project and make sure it is fully aligned with e-freight before moving forward to the Detailed Level Assessment.

## Implementing ready countries

- **Egypt** is in the process of implementation: the first e-freight consignment for export took place in August. Egypt is planning to have completed its first outbound and inbound consignments in October.
- **Iceland** is planning to go live with its first e-freight consignments by end September.
- Both **Finland** and **Chinese Taipei** kicked-off their implementation phase with local stakeholders in August and plan their go-live in November.
- **Belgium** has kicked-off its implementation process on September 21<sup>st</sup> with KLM, Schenker, Swissport and BRU Customs.

## Expanding the e-freight network within the live countries

- **North America – Canada and USA:** YUL in Canada has gone live with its first e-freight consignments on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. ATL, DFW, MIA and LAX in the USA are all expected to go live on e-freight (imports only) by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Between now and October 1<sup>st</sup>, interested stakeholders can contribute by performing trials e-freight consignments to these airports. Stakeholders interested in implementing these airports should contact the IATA e-freight local implementation manager, Alan Turpin at [turpina@iata.org](mailto:turpina@iata.org)
- **Asia Pacific – New-Zealand, Australia and Korea:** MEL is now live on e-freight and PER, BNE, CHC and PUS have started the implementation process. Stakeholders interested in implementing these airports should contact the IATA e-freight local implementation manager, Shu Yin Tan at [tansy@iata.org](mailto:tansy@iata.org)

- **Europe – Germany, Switzerland, United-Kingdom:** MAN, MUC, DUS, GVA have started their implementation phases or are in the process of doing so, and are targeted to go live by end of this year. Stakeholders interested in implementing these airports should contact the IATA e-freight local implementation manager, Chris Wolstenholme at [wolstenhoc@iata.org](mailto:wolstenhoc@iata.org)

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## **IATA e-freight PRODUCT - Building one industry standard for the supply chain operating process and e-documents:**

*IATA goal in 2009: 16 supply chain documents covered by IATA e-freight and the e-AWB Model Agreement in place*

*The IATA e-freight **Business Process and Standards specifications** are posted on the IATA public website at <http://www.iata.org/stb/efreight/materials.htm>*

## **FIATA and IATA endorse the Model Agreement for EDI (e-AWB)**

- The Recommended Practice 1670 **Model Agreement for EDI (e-AWB)** has now been endorsed by the e-AWB Task Force airlines members and by FIATA (the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations). The RP1670 can now be sent to the Cargo Services Conference (CSC) for a mail vote pending approval from the Cargo Procedures Conferences Management Group (CPCMG). This will most probably be done in the coming weeks with a result expected early November 2009. Once approved by the CSC, the RP1670 will then be submitted to US Department of Transport for government approval.

## **Development of new business processes**

- Now that the business process of e-freight between EU countries has been finalised, IATA will start working on other key domestic markets. This year, IATA will define the standard e-freight operational procedures (e-FOP) for the US and Korean markets.
- The task force that will analyze the business process of the **US Domestic** market in an e-freight environment has been set up. Members of this task force include representatives from American Airlines, United Airlines, Air Canada, Delta Airlines Continental Airlines, Schenker, DHL and CEVA. The first conference call took place mid-September.
- A first analysis of the **Korean Domestic** market in an e-freight environment has been completed with Korean Air in August and shall be extended to other Korean stakeholders. This first analysis is very encouraging as the key principles of IATA e-freight are already in use.

## **Development of new standard messages**

- Following the analysis of interlining under e-freight, the standards update regarding the Recommended Practice 1605 **Transfer Manifest** as well as the update of Cargo-IMP messages FSU/TFD and FSU/RCT has been completed. Notice of amendments has been submitted to the Cargo Service Conference (CSC) for approval.
- The **Cargo XML Task Force (CXMLTF)** provided recommendations of the draft message functional specifications for the **XML House Waybill, Waybill and House Manifest**, which allows continuing the work on the technical specifications.
- The CXMLTF has also started the development activity for the shipper's **Letter of Instruction**, which should be completed by end of September.

## **Adoption of new standard messages**

- **Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods:** the Proof of Concept is progressing. It envisages implementing the first XML shipper's declaration for dangerous goods declaration on a live trade lane before the end of 2009. Stakeholders interested in participating to this Proof of Concept should contact Guillaume Drucy, Head of IATA e-freight Implementation, at [drucyg@iata.org](mailto:drucyg@iata.org)
- In August 2009, **Inditex**, the multinational fashion manufacturer, became the **first shipper to successfully use the newly developed IATA XML standards for invoice and packing list** on live consignments. The XML data is being generated by Inditex and sent to their customs broker at destination (Panalpina), who is able to use it for customs import declaration. In that context, the paper invoice, or the scanned PDF copy of the invoice are not needed any more, which means significant

time savings for both parties! Following this successful implementation, IATA would like to encourage freight forwarders and shippers to transact that way in the future. Stakeholders interested in using these standards should download the specifications available on the IATA public website:  
<http://www.iata.org/stb/efreight/materials.htm>

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## NEWS, EVENTS & MEETINGS - The IATA e-freight team all around the world:

- Steve Smith, IATA e-freight Project Director, and Lufthansa Cargo met **Hellmann Worldwide Logistics**. The objective of this meeting was to engage with Hellmann at Head Office level and understand their position on e-freight, i.e. their level of readiness, their plans to adopt and expand. As a result, Hellmann Worldwide Logistics agreed to start e-freight in Germany with Lufthansa.
- Guillaume Drucy, Head of IATA e-freight Implementation, engaged **Agility** at Head Office level. The main outcome of this meeting is the decision of Agility to implement e-freight in Manchester as a test station and then expand to other locations if successful.
- **The IATA Cargo Committee** was held in Geneva on September 9 and the attending Heads of Cargo were provided an update on the status of the project. The IATA Cargo Committee members renewed their very strong commitment to e-freight and committed to push for more trade lanes to be implemented, as well as more volumes of e-freight consignments.
- The **Cargo XML Task Force** will meet in Geneva for a three-day face-to-face meeting starting on September 29<sup>th</sup> to finalize the new standards.
- Next **eCAG (e-freight Central Action Group) meeting** will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> in Geneva.

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## UPCOMING CARGO EVENTS: click on heading and register!

- [IATA Cargo Claims & Loss Prevention Conference](#) on 03-05 November 2009, Dallas, USA
- [IATA World Cargo Symposium 2010 "Bounce Back: Rebuild the Future!"](#) on 08-11 March 2010 in Vancouver, Canada

Best regards,  
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