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SYMPOSIUM ON SINGLE WINDOW STANDARDS AND INTEROPERABILITY

3-5 May 2006
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and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)

PROGRAMME¹

Note:

Days 1 and 2 will be an open meeting to discuss and consider the main issues, benefits and obstacles to common standards and data interchange among Single Windows (SW) and between SWs and the business community. At the end of Day 2, we aim to have identified the key issues and standards required for efficient SW operation and interoperability.

Day 3 will be a working meeting of existing Single Window operators and other interested parties to begin work on the key issues for efficient SW operation and interoperability identified during Day 1 and 2; and to establish the process for continuing this work.

DAY 1 - MORNING

09:00 – 10:00 **Registration**

SESSION 1 **KEY ISSUES FOR SINGLE WINDOW STANDARDS AND INTEROPERABILITY**

Chair: Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos, Director, Trade and Timber Division, UNECE

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome Address - Mr. Marek Belka, Executive Secretary, UNECE**

10:15 – 10:30 **Opening Remarks - Ms. Christina Rahlén, Vice Chair, UN/CEFACT**

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SESSION 2 CURRENT SINGLE WINDOW MODELS

Chair: Mr. Gordon Cragge, Chair, UN/CEFACT International Trade Procedures Working Group (TBG15)

- 10:30 – 13:00 Presentations by Single Window operators in:
- **Finland** - Mr. Rolf Bäckström, Deputy Director, Finnish Maritime Administration
 - **Ghana** - Mr. Samuel B. Quarshie, Assistant Commissioner IT, Ghana Customs
 - **Australia** - Ms. Julie Olarenshaw, Director SDS Project Team, Australian Customs Service
 - **Japan** - Mr. Yoshikazu Sakai, Director, Customs & Tariff Bureau, Ministry Of Finance
 - **Republic of Korea** - Mr. Ki-Hyun Oh, Acting Vice President, Korea Trade Network

Summary and review of country presentations

Questions

13:00 - 15:00 **Lunch Break**

DAY 1- AFTERNOON

Chair: Ms. Christina Rahlén, Vice Chair, UN/CEFACT

SESSION 3 REGIONAL INITIATIVES

- 15:00 – 16:15: Presentations on regional initiatives by:
- **European Commission (EC)** – Ms. Eva Kaňovská, European Commission Taxation and Customs Union Directorate-General
 - **Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC)**- Mr. Grigoriy Alekseevich Rapota, Secretary General, EurAsEC
 - **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** – Mr. Alexander M. Arevalo, Chair, ASEAN Single Window, Philippine Bureau of Customs
 - **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)** - Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Huong, Head of Cooperation Division, E-Commerce Department, Ministry of Trade, Viet nam

SESSION 4 STANDARDS FOR SINGLE WINDOW DATA EXCHANGE

- 16:15 – 17:30: Presentations on standards for Single Window data exchange:
- **Data Harmonisation** - Mr. Bill Nolle, US Customs and Border Protection
 - **WCO Data model** – Mr. Gareth Lewis, World Customs Organization
 - **UNEDocs Trade Document Data Model** - Mr. Markus Pikart, UNECE

Questions and Discussion

17:30 – 18:00 **Summary of Day 1**

18:00 – 19:00 **Reception**

DAY 2 - MORNING

Chair: Dr. Somnuk Keretho, Director, Institute of Innovative IT, Kasetsart University, Thailand

SESSION 5 BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGLE WINDOW AND CROSS-BORDER DATA EXCHANGE

10:00 – 11:15: Presentations on business requirements for Single Window and cross border data exchange:

- **The Role and Value of International Standards in cross border data exchange** – Mr. Ian Impey, Director of Facilitation, Global Express Association
- **Requirements for e-Freight** – Ms. Rita Filiaggi, Legal Counsel, IATA e-Freight Programme.
- **US Department of Transportation** – Mr. Michael P. Onder, Freight Operations and Technology, Electronic Freight Management Initiative

SESSION 6 CURRENT EXPERIENCE IN CROSS-BORDER DATA EXCHANGE

11:15 – 13:00 Presentations on current cross border data exchange initiatives:

- **Thailand – Philippines** - Dr. Sathit Limpongpan, Director General, Royal Thai Customs
- **Singapore – Malaysia** - Ms. Eva C.P. Chan, Manager, Strategic Business Concepts, Dagang Net Technologies, Malaysia
- **Sweden – Russia** - Mr. Leonid Arkadievich Lozbenko, State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation
- **Kenya – Senegal** – Mr. Ibrahima Diagne, General Manager, GAINDE 2000, Senegal

Questions and Discussion

13:00 - 15:00 **Lunch Break**

DAY 2 - AFTERNOON

SESSION 7 GAPS AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

Chair: Mr. Mike Doran, Vice Chair, UN/CEFACT

15:00 – 16:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Legal Issues for Single Window Interoperability** - Discussion with existing Single Window Operators

16:00 – 17:30 **A vision for cross-border data exchange - moving towards common data standards and models. Consideration of the UN/CEFACT Background Paper on Single Window Standards and Interoperability** - Mr. Michael Dill, Chair, UN/CEFACT TBG2 and Mr. Gareth Lewis, WCO

Questions and Discussion

17:30 – 18:00 **Summary and Conclusions from Day 2**

DAY 3 TECHNICAL WORKING SESSION

Note: This will be a detailed discussion to consider the issues, technologies and work required to achieve cross-border data exchange for Single Window Interoperability.

Chair: Mr. Mats Wicktor (Sweden)

Rapporteur: Mr. Bill Nolle (USA)

DAY 3 – MORNING

- 10:00 – 10:30 **Summary of Issues from Days 1 and 2** - Mr. Tom Butterly, UNECE
- 10:30 -11:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Requirements of Single Window Operators for Cross Border Data Exchange**
- 11:30 – 13:00 **Standards for Single Window Interoperability – Steps Required and Possible Scenarios for Implementation and Development 2006/07-** Mr. Michael Dill, Ms. Sue Probert and Mr. Gareth Lewis
- Discussion
- 13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch Break**

DAY 3 – AFTERNOON

- 15:00 – 16:30 **STAKEHOLDERS MEETING: Putting Plans into Action**
- What can be achieved in 2006
 - Who should do what
 - Summary and Conclusions
- Discussion
- 16:30 - 17:00 **Conclusions from Day 3**

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