

Implementing the Electronic Multimodal FIATA Bill of Lading

GE.22 - Group of Experts on Operationalization of eCMR

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FIATA – International Federation of Freight-Forwarders Associations

Works at the Local, National and International Level

FIATA represents its members at

International: UN, WTO, WCO, International Organisations and Associations

National: Governments, National Organisations

Local: Local Associations

113 Association Members

5,500 Individual Members

- Overall representing 40,000 freight forwarding and logistics firms
- FIATA advocates **trade facilitation** and actively contributes to the wellfunctioning of the supply chain through close collaboration with relevant stakeholders, its position papers & guidance notes



FIATA standard trade documents

More than 50 years ago FIATA started to establish standard trade documents to harmonize documents and forms used by freight forwarders



Negotiable FIATA Multimodal Transport Bill of Lading (FBL)



Non-negotiable FIATA Multimodal Transport Waybill (FWB)



FIATA Forwarders Certificate of Receipt (FCR)



FIATA Warehouse Receipt (FWR)

- FIATA Forwarders Certificate of Transport (FCT)
- FIATA Shippers Declaration for the Transport of Dangerous Goods (SDT)
- FIATA Shippers Intermodal Weight Certificate (SIC)
- FIATA Forwarding Instructions (FFI)

Digitalisation requirements

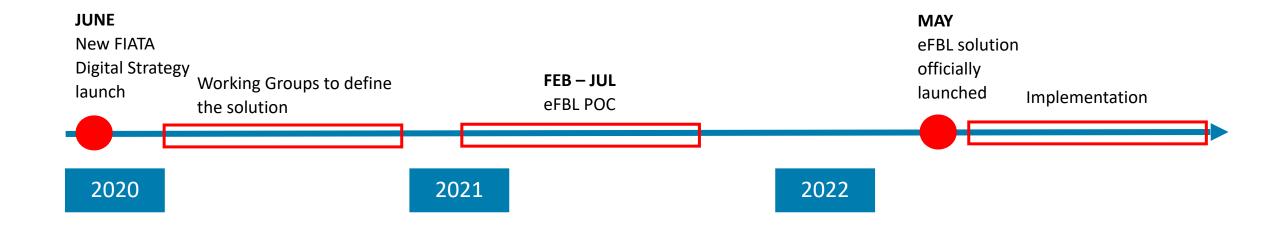
- FIATA members are very heterogeneous:
 SMEs to Multinational Groups
- Most Freight-Forwarders use Transport
 Managements Systems to manage their
 daily work or have their own system
- Members didn't want FIATA to impose a new tool + FIATA is a neutral federation
- Legal acceptance of digital documents/data still not widely spread



Pragmatic solution

- Open source solution that can be implemented by any software provider
- eFBLs can be created through the tools freight-forwarders already use, as part of their daily processes
- eFBL can be printed or used as a digital document – in both cases the document is protected and verifiable

Project timeline



Current status:

- 20 software providers
- 9 Association members

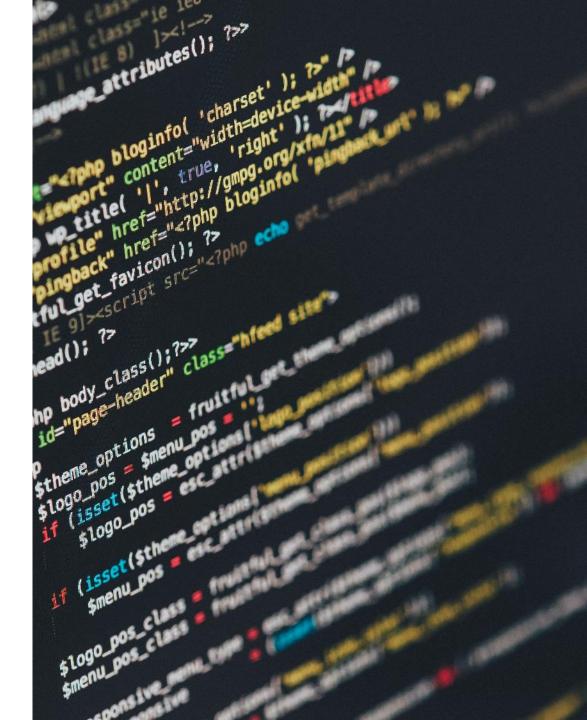
eFBL data standard

- eFBL data standard, based on UN/CEFACT semantic to ensure the data exchanged can be understood in the same way by all actors of the supply chain
- Officially launched together with UNECE on March 10
 2022 <u>Press release</u>
- FIATA expects its standard to become the main global standard for all House Bill of Ladings, noting the compatibility with other BLs



eFBL data standard available as open source on Git Hub:

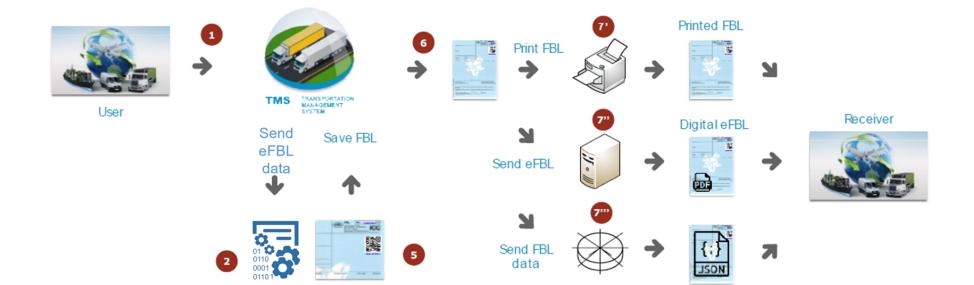
https://github.com/FIATA/eFBL



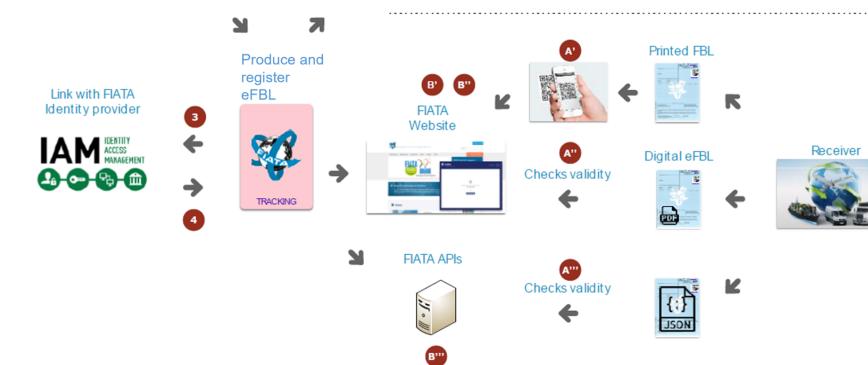
API service to issue secured FIATA BLs

- API service open to all software providers (TMS, eBL providers and other software) interested
- Allows to connect with FIATA to generate secured FIATA BLs, based on data generated in alignement with the eFBL data standard
- Pragmatic solution allowing to move from paper documents to secured FBL PDFs, allowing freightforwarders to still print the document at anytime if needed.
- These Bill of Ladings can be validated in Realtime by stakeholders



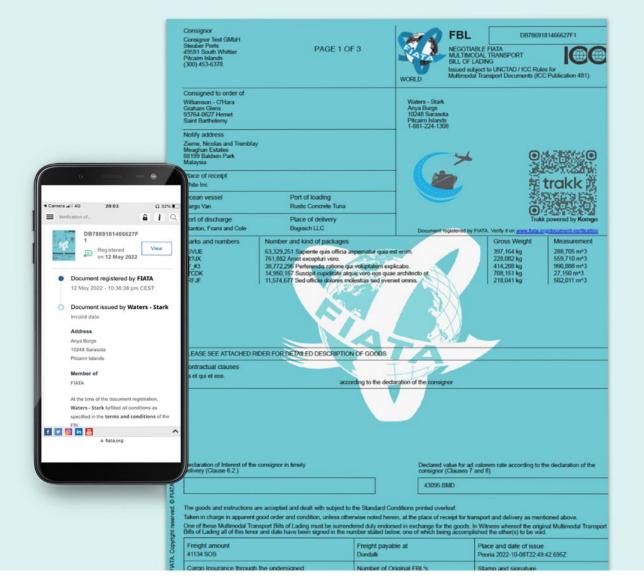


Process to issue & validate eFBLs

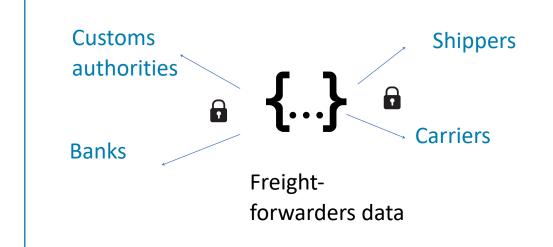


Bringing trust and security through digitalisation

- All documents registered on an immutable legder, protecting them against fraud risks
- All stakeholders can verify the document at anytime, by scanning the QR code or by uploading the document on FIATA's verification page, giving them access to the document audit trail
- Document audit trail certifies:
 - The **validity** of the document
 - The **identity** of the document issuer
 - The **integrity** of its content



Next steps: data exchange, interoperability and legal acceptance



Facilitating data exchange with key stakeholders in a secured and consent based manner (preserving freight-forwarders data ownership)



Facilitating platform interoperability and financial processes through the use of NFTs. Bank providing a secure environment to transfer the document together with the title of the goods. eFBL, represented as an NFT, transferred from the eWallet of the seller to the eWallet of the buyer, triggering the payment automatically.

FIT Alliance

Since the beginning FIATA recognized the importance of collaboration to move forward with the digitalisation of the supply chain.

In January this year, FIATA signed an MoU with DCSA, ICC, BIMCO and SWIFT to form the Future International Trade (FIT) Alliance.

The scope of the Alliance is to collaborate on the development and adoption of relevant standards to facilitate the use of electronic bills of lading.



Questions???

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