

AIR CARGO SERVICE

MINUTES

32<sup>ND</sup> USER MEETING

AMSTERDAM

24<sup>TH</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1998

## II. MODIFICATION PROPOSALS

### Agenda Item 6- Mandatory field 8G <COD> required at EOT (AS)

AS outlined this item by explaining the problems they face with COD shipments not being identified in the system. To overcome the subsequent difficulties thus caused they suggested the field 8G be made mandatory which will prompt a re-check of data entry.

XS sought confirmation that this facility was only to apply to US domestic shipments. They then advised that although the functional specification showed this to be a mandatory requirement it obviously was not being applied. Unfortunately they have not yet been able to establish when and how this facility had dropped out of the system. As a consequence they felt this active item should be treated as an investigation and trouble report. AS agreed to this suggestion.

**Action: Investigation and Trouble Report**

### Agenda Item 7 ASM Process ( MA )

MA outlined this item by explaining that the system cannot automatically process ASM messages. Therefore to make any ad-hoc changes in the schedule required much manual processing

XS advised that a development specification for ASM's had been prepared and shown to MA but not yet distributed widely because of current SSM restrictions. It is hoped to start development work later this year.

In light of this facility's current status MA withdrew this agenda item.

**Action: Agenda item withdrawn**

### Agenda Item 8 - Removing invalid characters from messages ( MA )

MA introduced this item by advising that standard messages are rejected to queue if they contain blank spaces or lines after the standard information or if the message includes invalid characters. Whilst acknowledging that not all cases could be handled they felt that many of the superfluous characters could be recognised and diluted by the system which will reduce the number of messages sent to queue.

XS commented that it was important to know where invalid characters were appearing so that they could be dealt with and wondered if this agenda item would be covered by outstanding modification 480 - Flexible acceptance of incorrect inbound FSA's. However following discussion this was not considered to provide a solution and a new modification would be required. Discussion then centred on the SITATEX for Windows application which forces the user to complete; From, To and Subject lines. The question was then asked if it would be possible for the system to identify where in the message the 3 letter standard message code appeared and then ignore all previous information. XS advised that this could be possible and would investigate and advise on this matter.

**Action: Modification 556**

### Agenda Item 9 - RBP/FFM Shipment Sorting ( KU )

This agenda item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

**Action: Agenda Item withdrawn**

**Agenda Item 10 - RBP Manifest ( KU )**

KU introduced this item and advised that RBP manifests do not meet ICAO annex 9 standards, and as a consequence they were facing problems in that area.

XS commented that when this facility was developed there never had been any intention to make RBP manifests meet ICAO requirements and that to try to do so now would require a significant amount of work.

It was agreed that this matter could be more effectively discussed outside of the meeting especially as more investigation would be needed. This was agreed to.

**Action: Item withdrawn subject to further investigation by XS.**

**Agenda Item 11 - RBP Marquis Rating ( KU )**

This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

**Action: Agenda Item withdrawn**

**Additional Agenda Item 12 -CAR Queue History ( MA )**

The proposal for this agenda item is included in the attachments.

MA introduced this item by advising that the system has a shortcoming in that there is no indication if a CAR has been sent to or received from a queue as well as any action taken. They commented that a modification had been made by SITA but was subsequently withdrawn. XS identified this modification as CCS 125 which records all CARS sent to a queue. Unfortunately this had encountered some problems during testing but most of the technical work was now complete and the modification would be available shortly. It was felt that this mod would solve half of MA's problems. In the discussion that followed it was understood that certain enhancements to existing modification 225 would solve the remainder of MA's requirements and as a consequence this item was withdrawn in favour of an existing combination of CCS 125 and Mod 225

**Action: Item withdrawn and replaced by CCS 125/Mod 225**

**Additional Agenda Item 13A -FSA/FSO Messaging ( OS )**

The proposal for this agenda item is included in the attachments.

OS introduced this item by outlining the shortcomings of the system in handling status messages and the negative impact this has on meeting today's logistics requirements. As a consequence the system should be modified to meet the criteria published by the IATA CDITF in 1996. Additionally the modification should meet this criteria whether the status update was a result of either a manual system entry or an inbound FSU message.

Another carrier commented that this proposal was similar to a CCS modification they had requested but they would like to see FSL's added.

Following general discussion on the subject XS then outlined their general policy towards industry messaging. Whilst every attempt was made to provide the full range of Cargo-IMP messages there development was scheduled as a background activity. Nevertheless there was every intention to find the resources necessary to keep messages updated.

XS also commented that they currently have a list of items that address outstanding Cargo-IMP messages including both OS FSR/FSA requirements and the FSL development discussed earlier. In order to provide a clearer focus on user requirements this list would be distributed and priorities requested.

The second element of this agenda item, the inclusion of all optional elements in the FSU message would require a modification. Following discussion at this time a vote was taken.

**List of Attendees**

Lynne Jones	-	Alaska Airlines (AS)
Ron Robillard	-	Alaska Airlines (AS)
Keola Pang-Ching	-	Alaska Airlines (AS)
Shi Lei	-	Air China (CA)
Li Jinlin	-	Air China (CA)
Niranjan Navaratnarajah	-	Emirates (EK)
Nigel O'Shea	-	Emirates (EK)
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Oli Ben	-	Icelandair (FI)
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Istvan Csanyi	-	Malev (MA)
Victoria Toth	-	Malev (MA)
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Raza Channa	-	Pakistan International Airlines (PK)
Thomas Bernardy	-	Austrian Airlines (OS)
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Mohamed Senaid	-	Saudi Airlines (SV)
Mohamed Amer	-	Saudi Airlines (SV)
Gilles Belair	-	Air Transat (TS)
Pierre Ducharme	-	Air Transat (TS)

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**Additional Agenda Item 12**

**Submitted by :** Malev  
**Subject :** CAR Queue History

**Business Problem Description:**

When displaying a CAR there is no indication to identify if a CAR was on any CAR queues and who put it there and when or if someone took off a CAR from a queue (QR entry).

**System Area Affected:**

History credit item.

**Functional Specification Reference:**

HST2

**Description of Proposed Change:**

When displaying CAR history with entry \*hall sys. to indicate the CAR's queue history as well.

**Justification:**

Cost Saving	Competitive Advantage	Yes
Revenue Increase	Industry Advantage	Yes