



IFCWG Report – March 2008

The IFCWG is now a recognized IATA-FIATA working group. The Co-Chairmen of the group are:

- Jean Dunaux (IATA/Air France)
- John O'Connell (FIATA/BIFA)

The main focus for the group has moved to the requirements for the European Union that are scheduled for implementation in July 2009. Activities will also include:

- Continue the dialogue with Canadian authorities to improve the ACI functions and maintain a stay of execution on penalties
- Maintain awareness of WCO initiatives, especially the implementations of the Unique Consignment Reference
- Foster an improved cooperative relationship with the United States Customs and Border Protection

Achievements

Canada

- Continuation of the grace period from assessment of penalties
- Development of the contingency plan in final stages

European Union

- Two meetings with the European Commission were arranged to raise industry awareness and understanding of the requirements.

World Customs Organisation

- Arrangements were made to have IFCWG representatives attend two meetings of the WCO UCR Correspondence Group to raise industry awareness and understanding of the pilot tests and live implementations of the UCR.

2008 Objectives

European Union:

- Lobby European Commission to exempt empty ULDs from the entry summary declaration
- Lobby the commission to remove the Pre-Arrival Notification
- Provide short term recommendation to meet EU requirements
- Ensure that industry is kept informed of EU requirements and recommended practices (e.g. conferences, websites)



United States

In cooperation with CNS, build a relationship with the US authorities to:

- Clarify the reasons for AMS associated fines and to lower their instances
- Ensure that industry is aware of ACE developments, e.g. multi-modal manifest, 10+2 requirements, 100% scanning and represent the industry position and ensure readiness to implement any necessary solutions

Canada:

- Ensure electronic means are established to confirm to carriers that forwarders have reported directly
- Maintain a grace period from any penalties related to non-compliant ACI reporting
- Lobby for legislative changes to remove liability from carriers for forwarders information

World Customs Organisation (WCO)

- Participate in Data Model activities
- Participate in Unique Consignment Reference Correspondence Group, develop and represent the industry position
- Ensure that industry is kept informed of WCO developments

Other Countries:

- Maintain awareness of upcoming the advance cargo reporting requirements.

e-Freight

- Ensure that IATA's e-freight project is kept aware of Customs requirements
- Provide answers to e-freight project on potential Customs reporting requirements as necessary