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## Minutes of the PROTECT meeting # 29

Location: UPF French Ports Association, 8 Place du Général Catroux, 75017 PARIS.

Date: 10 September 2015.

### 1. Opening by Chairman

Jerome opens the meeting at 09:30 thanking our hosts especially Bernard Mazuel (Secretary - General), Mathilde Pollet and Christina Peron. .

This meeting was deferred from June to September due to uncertainty of availability of members to discuss the directive as well as the holiday of Herman. There are many participants at the table, which means that there is much interest in the topics discussed.

Participants introduce themselves.

The agenda was presented and adopted without changes.

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting # 28

The minutes were presented and adopted without any remarks.

### 3. Change of chair

Jerome confirms that he takes over the difficult task of the chair from Herman. In 2010 the role of PROTECT was unclear and there was a lack of topics. Also obtaining budgets for the meetings was a challenge. Now not only EDI topics but also new systems, single window, cyber security are new and hot topics to be discussed. It is our opinion that the PROTECT group should be considered an important stakeholder by the international organizations. Within the PROTECT group we keep an open mind and a cooperative attitude. Jerome thanks Herman for his important and good work for PROTECT.

Herman thanks Jerome for his kind words and he fully agrees that there is a place for PROTECT. In 2010 the new directive triggered a new elan for PROTECT. Now Herman will retire and he is very happy that Jerome has agreed to take over from him. He believes the chair is in very capable hands and he thanks Jerome for accepting.

### 4. Presentation Uwe Kraft

Uwe prepared a speech for Herman. He remembers that his first PROTECT meeting took place in 1997, which was also the celebration of the IFTDGN version 1.0. The aim to integrate the Port



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Community Systems and the Port Authority systems is to the benefit of all port users. PROTECT was a pioneer in many cases when IMO-FAL adopted the PROTECT message scenario.

Herman's friendly and effective chairmanship lead to considerable results.

Today we are facing new challenges: National Single Window for example.

There are hard times ahead and Herman will be missed for his knowledge and experience.

Uwe thanks Herman for the friendly and fruitful cooperation.

Herman thanks Uwe for his kind words. Jerome hands over a small gift on behalf of all participants of the meeting.

## **5. Presentation Dominique Vankemmel.**

Dominique presents the work of the Transport and Logistics Domain Workgroup of UN/CEFACT.

You will find his presentation on the meeting page of the PROTECT website:

<http://www.protect-group.org/index.php/meetings/meeting-29-paris/>

A discussion follows about the use of XML vs Edifact.

## **6. Training on reporting HAZMAT in SSN**

Kurt attended an EMSA meeting and explains the proposal:

The National Competent Authority (NCA) should perform a training of the Local Competent Authorities (Port Authorities) to learn how to report HAZMAT information. The aim is to improve the data quality of HAZMAT reported to SSN.

A discussion follows about the need for such a training. Frederic informs that they encountered problems with new locodes that were rejected by EMSA. Apparently the EMSA locode table was not updated.

Uwe recommends to use the data from incorrect messages anyway instead of rejecting. He believes that incomplete data is still valuable since it indicates the presence of HAZMAT. If the message is rejected the recipient has no clue at all about HAZMAT until the sender reacts on the rejection of his message.

The conclusion is that participants should find out what the local authorities think about this topic and report that back to EMSA.

## **7. Action points.**

### **7.1 Support from PROTECT to IMO (Jerome)**

Jerome visited the IMO FAL committee. He was informed that WCO has ample capacity to maintain the documents/messages and there is no need for assistance from PROTECT.



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Question is whether WCO is fully aware of goes on in the world of shipping and ports. Jerome sent a letter to the IMO FAL chairman.

Conclusion: No assistance required for the moment.

Simon will check also with Sue Probert about this subject.

### 7.2 UN Number variant codes (Cor)

Cor informs that there is nothing to report about this topic.

Uwe asked if there is a need for variant codes. EHS numbers already exist but are not publicly known and should perhaps be used for this purpose.

Cor will consult a few members and prepare a plan.

### 7.3 Standard reports (Frederic)

Frederic explains the current status of his research. It seems .CSV files are popular.

Jaume confirms that the Crew and PAX lists are in use in all Spanish ports. They also extended the BERMAN message with ISPS info.

Cor suggests that PROTECT gets involved in the Crew and PAX list.

Raymond suggest to check the legal aspects of these lists carefully as the law can be different in the various countries.

Uwe believes these lists can be standardized.

Jaume will make examples available of Crew and Pax lists used in Spanish ports.

Cor presents a diagram of the message flow of these lists from Ship to Agent to MSW and to Port Authorities (see meeting page on the PROTECT website).

### 7.4 Table of FAL Documents (Hans)

Hans could not be present and Frederic explains the table "message grid". This table lists current implementations of the various messages by the PROTECT member ports. Another table lists the various message types and for which function they are used.

You may find the two tables on the meeting page of the PROTECT website. Please take some time to fulfill the matrix and send it ASAP to Frédéric.

### 7.5 New IFTDGN Guideline (Ger)

The latest draft IFTDGN guideline is now available on the PROTECT website, documents section: <http://www.protect-group.org/index.php/documents/message-documentation/>

The document includes all three corrigenda as well as the changes due to the Marpol guidelines on reporting HAZMAT.

PROTECT members are invited to check this document carefully and to inform the secretariat of any discrepancies, errors, omissions, etc.etc.



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### 7.6 Security information in BERMAN (Hans)

Jaume promised to send their changes to the BERMAN concerning ISPS requirements. PROTECT will then propose a new version of BERMAN including these changes.

### 8. Status of the implementations (Raymond)

The representatives of the various ports, present in the meeting, report the status of the implementations of Directive 2010/65.

SPAIN: Presentation by Jaume: Download from meeting page on the PROTECT website.

GERMANY: Use gives a brief update of the current status. There is an aim to harmonize the various ports.

FRANCE: Presentation by Frederic: Download from meeting page on the PROTECT website.

The Netherlands: Raymond reports that the situation is the same as described in the latest version of the Quick Scan document. However, parts are postponed and more phases were introduced. Several scenarios were developed. MSW was reshaped with more functionality. It should be operational by June 2016. The systems of the Port Authorities are ready. Groningen Seaports are waiting for the MSW, probably in March 2016.

BELGIUM: Nico reports that all procedures have been implemented in the port of Antwerp.

Raymond was requested to update the Quick Scan document where required.

### 9. IFTDGN: Edifact and XML examples (Nico)

Nico presents an XML example of the IFTDGN message (see meeting page for this example). This XML version is now in use in the port of Antwerp, where both Edifact and XML can now be used by the senders.

Nico will provide the Message Implementation Guideline for the XML version.

The next message, IFTSTA, will be done in the same way.

Ronald is very keen on implementing the XML versions instead of Edifact. He therefore asks if PROTECT will fully support and maintain the XML implementation guidelines next to the Edifact guidelines.

Jerome thinks we should first think very carefully if we want to take full responsibility of the XML guidelines. It will mean a doubling of the maintenance work (Edifact and XML) and we should make such a decision very carefully, conscious of the consequences.

For the time being PROTECT will publish the XML guidelines of the messages for informational purposes only. During next meeting we shall make a proposal and decide if PROTECT will take the responsibility of the XML guidelines or not.



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### 10. AnNa (Frederic)

Frederic presents the current status of this project (download from meeting page).

He will make more documentation available soon.

### 11. Next PROTECT meeting

Jerome proposed to plan the next meeting for March 15-16, 2016.

The location must still be decided.

### 12. Any other business

Jerome: In July Jerome attended an IPCSA conference about cyber security. He suggests that PROTECT cooperates with them on this very important topic. He also suggests to create sub-committees for specialized tasks. This item will be on the agenda for next meeting.

Cor: For WASDIS some changes were proposed. He believes these changes must be implemented before the next meeting. Download Cor's document about WASDIS on the meeting page.

### 13. Closing

The chairman closed the meeting at 16:00 hrs.

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