

Report of the Supply Chain Integration Working Group held on 29th June 2021 to the Executive Council

Co-Chairs: India and Japan

ASIAN-PACIFIC POSTAL UNION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING 20 July 2021, Online Session



Opening of the meeting and agenda:

- India, Co-Chair of the group opened the meeting and welcomed all participants.
- The meeting was attended over VC by Secretary General, APPU and Manager (Administration and APPU Affairs) from APPU and 89 delegates from 22 member countries, APP and observers from France La Poste Group.
- India presented the agenda and order of discussion, which was duly approved.

The EC was invited to take note of:

- Update of outcomes of Postal Operations Council (POC) Committee 1 (sessions S8 and S9) to SCI WG by Co-Chair Japan;
- Presentation on "Paperless Transport Pilot" by India Post;
- Presentations on "EAD Requirements: utilization of EAD for inbound items and challenges" by Pos Indonesia.

Update of outcomes of POC Committee 1: S8 and S9

The working group was updated regarding outcomes of POC Committee 1 (sessions S8 and S9) by Japan, Co-chair of the WG. The working group was informed of:

- developments regarding the activities of Standards Board;
- outcomes related to the Committee 1 Operations and Accounting Review Group (OARG);
- outcomes related to the Transport Group;
- outcomes and key milestones related to the Electronic Advance Data (EAD).

Outcomes related to Electronic Advance Data



- POC during its session S9 approved Multilateral Data Sharing Agreement (MDSA) framework intended to facilitate the exchange of EAD among union member countries and their DOs. However, participation in this framework is optional.
- POC during its session S9 noted a concept paper on handling EAD requirements for items sent in transit and endorsed establishment of a cross-cutting joint expert team (Customs, Transport, C 2 PSDEIG, IB Legal Affairs etc.) to supplement the work.
- 26 proposals were approved by POC during its sessions S8 and S9 to amend the Regulations to the Convention.
- IB to introduce enhancements to its IPS software to support EAD compliance at origin.

Paperless mail transportation pilot by India Post



- A pilot on Paperless Mail Transportation was held on flows from Denmark & Sweden to India Post at Mumbai office of exchange during 12th to 29th January 2021.
- Based on the experience of executing the paperless CN 38 pilot, the WG was apprised of:
 - issues with the present system of preparing paper CN 38 and handling of the same throughout its life-cycle (origin to destination)- inefficiencies, time consuming and not environment friendly as compared to CARDIT and RESDIT messages;
 - that airlines must have EDI capabilities and an IT system capable of producing CN documents at origin, transit and at destination;
 - all RESDIT messages should be exchanged with DOs. More the RESDIT messages, higher will be the visibility;
- Post Pilot: All parties agreed to keep this route paperless and it is still continuing as a paperless route.
- Member countries appreciated the presentation made by India Post.

Presentation on EAD requirements by Pos Indonesia

- Indonesia made a presentation on EAD requirements; utilization of EAD for inbound items and challenges. Highlights of the presentation were as follows:
- the threshold value of 75 USD per consignee per day for which EAD was mandatory has been revised to 3 USD per shipment;
- in order to facilitate the processing, value of items should always be expressed in USD;
- only Latin letters may be used instead of any other language/ script;
- description of goods must be complete and in detail;
- all shipments containing goods must implement EAD to speed up the processing and ensure quick delivery;
- Member countries appreciated the presentation made by Pos Indonesia.



Thank You!