

## **Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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**Electronic data interchange for documentation purposes**

### **Progress on Pilot Project – e-freight for Dangerous Goods**

#### **Transmitted by the International Air Transport Association (IATA)**

1. The purpose of this INF paper is to keep the Subcommittee apprised of the work on e-freight for dangerous goods and to maintain visibility on the subject of development and implementation of electronic data transmission as an alternative to the use of the paper dangerous goods transport document.
2. Unfortunately since the last update provided to the Subcommittee at the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting in December 2010 (UN/SCETDG/38/INF.34) there has been little progress on the pilot project to conduct a proof-of-concept with live shipments of dangerous goods across some e-freight trade lanes. This lack of progress has been due in part to a shortage of resources within IATA to manage the proof of concept and also due to demands for the development and implementation of new standards for electronic security declarations.
3. The work on the development and trial of the e-security declaration is nearing conclusion and it is anticipated that additional resources will be available by early July of this year. Based on this it likely that the proof of concept for the e-dangerous goods transport document can be commenced in early August of this year.
4. Assuming that the proof of concept can be commenced in August a full report on the results will be provided to the Subcommittee at the next meeting in November.

#### **Proposal**

5. The Sub-Committee is invited to note the progress of this work and is invited to pass this information to any parties to whom the information may be of interest.
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