



January 14, 2003
ISM RIF WWG Teleconference

Institute for Supply Management - Rail Industry Forum - Quality Assurance Committee - Warranty Working Group

Bill Smith read the Anti-Trust Disclaimer Statement.

1. Warranty Working Group reviewed Draft #17 for changes. Removed Multiple Information Example off page 8 and last sentence off 3.1.4 off page 6. This will eliminate confusion due to too much information on one line of barcode. As these are minor in nature, Draft #18 will not be released until more changes are identified.
2. The AAR TSWC (Technical Services Working Committee) has given the specification draft tentative approval and has given the go ahead to put it out for public comment. They did ask that the WWG review the specification with the AAR CRB and Locomotive Committees to ensure there are no conflicts.
3. The AAR Car Repair Billing Committee is starting a new CRB Rewrite and has agreed to use the guidelines in the rewrite to help address car owner warranty issues. Bill Smith is working with Carl Myers chairman of the CRB Committee.
4. The AAR Locomotive Committee was presented the spec on Jan. 6, 2003 in their conference call. They have asked for time to review it with their various companies. There was considerable discussion about how the spec would be implemented and where it would reside in the AAR standards. These are still to be worked out. The Locomotive Committee agreed to provide a response by their next meeting, which is Feb. 27, 2003.
5. Jon Andresen provided an overview of the information gained from the DoD Workshop in Leesburg. In short the Department of Defense is very serious about developing a standard for DPM (Direct Part Marking) for all military equipment. They have formed an IPT (Integrated Product Team) to develop an UID policy. They are proposing to use human readable information and linear bar coding as voluntary and the 2-D bar code as mandatory information. The TEI (Text Element Identifiers) would be voluntary as well. They are still in the development stages and in many ways are where we were 18 months ago. There still is much arm wrestling to go on before they reach an agreement. Jon Andresen, our vice-chairman, sits on the task force so I trust he will watch out for our interest. On a side note, our very own Tony Sciacca attended the meeting and represented the Rail Transit Industry. Their next meeting is February 11-12, 2003 in Washington, D.C. We wait for Jon's report on our next call.

6. BBC Bumpy Bar Code (Posicode) was Reviewed. There was a concern in the WWG about using proprietary symbologies. There was considerable discussion on the pros and cons of adding another symbology at this time. Our spec should utilize only non-proprietary, industry standard symbologies. BBC was not approved for use in the spec, however, Mecco can be added to the list of vendors that supply DPM equipment as they do make linear and 2-D bar code making equipment.
7. Discussion on “Understanding the Unique Identifier in Asset Management” white paper being added to the Case Study and the differences between our spec and NYCT’s three alpha-character Mfg ID has been reserved until our next call.
8. Richard Sullivan reported that the RWMEC is working through the issues around bar coding of wheel sets. More to follow on the next call.
9. Volunteers were solicited for promotion of the specification to the industry this spring. Those that agreed to help out included, Ron Simmons from TTX, Mark Tinklepaugh from NYAB, Gary Moe from ID Integration and John Vikara from WABTEC to mention a few. I view these individuals as ambassadors towards our cause and will send media contacts to them for comments as the world hears about our fantastic new standard. I am sure there will be much excitement in the months to come. Get a hair cut guys, I expect to see you all on TV soon. Thanks for the support.
10. The next WWG conference call will be March 4, 2003 at 1:00 (CST). This will be after the AAR Locomotive Committee deadline and DoD Meetings.

Action Item Review

	Assigned to:	Due:
1. AAR Locomotive Committee Comments	Bill Smith	02-27-03
2. DoD UID Policy and IPT Workshop Update	Jon Andresen	02-13-03
3. Understanding NYCT’s Unique Identifiers	Tony Sciacca	03-04-03
4. RWMEC bar code labeling requirement	Rich Sullivan	03-04-03
5. Submit to the industry for public comment		Mid 2003

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The Warranty Working Group's mission will be to review both new and existing technologies and business processes to develop a warranty administrative program suitable to railroads, suppliers, and OEMs. This will include development of an industry-recognized standard for equipment identification and labeling.

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