



July 15, 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. A copy of the proposed specification Draft #18 is posted on the ISM Web Site: <http://www.ismrif.org/quality/>, and no addition changes were proposed on the call.

Also located on the web site, a person can find the following helpful information:
[Warranty Working Group Update 2003](#) (A short 9-page Power Point Presentation)
[Business Case Study for Bar Coding](#) [98K PDF]
[AAR Manual of Standards & Practices: Equipment ID Warranty Specification \(#18\)](#)
[AAR Label Examples](#) [1.3MB PDF] and all of the past WWG meeting minutes.

2. AAR Progress

Bill Smith reported on the AAR Arbitration's and Rules Committee meeting he attended on Friday July 11 in Chicago, IL. The ARB committee was very receptive and supportive of the effort. Questions included time frame implementation and car owner involvement. The only question that was not answered, at the ARB meeting was "What items does the WWG feel are recoverable by warranty and the impact on the freight car side?" A formal letter will be developed as response to this question. Russ Ferretti will get with TTX to help generate possible savings opportunities and respond back to the committee.

The AAR TSWC (Technical Services Working Committee) has given the proposed specification approval to go out for public comment in a meeting on November 7, 2002. We expect the AAR to release it for public comment any day.

3. DoD UID IPT Update

Gary Moe updated the group on DFAR (Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation) and Jon Andresen (the next WWG Chairman) provided an update on the IPT (Integrated Product Team) developing the Department of Defense's UID policy. Next DoD UID Meeting will be Tuesday, July 29, 2003 at the Sheraton Premier in Vienna, VA, information on the UID effort is available at www.uniqueid.org.

There were some concerns expressed that we (the WWG) are staying in-line with the changes to the industry bar coding specifications. Jon assured us that we were on track. Russ Ferretti had a question about RFID progress by Wal-Mart. Jon indicated that they had postponed their testing of RFID. See following web link for more details. [RFID: Wal-Mart backs off item-level tracking](#)
www.frontlinetoday.com/frontline/article/articleDetail.jsp?id=63294

4. Jon Andresen invited the membership to the:
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Exposition: Sept. 16-18, 2003

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The Aerospace & Industrial Forum (which is free by the way) is on Sept 18th from 11:00-2:00pm. Jon Andresen will be presenting and Bill Smith will be participating in the Aviation and Industrial Forum.

There was discussion to have a face-to-face WWG meeting in Chicago that week or the following week prior to the AAR and RSI Meeting in Chicago.

5. The Railway Supply Institute, the Institute of Supply Management Rail Industry Forum, and the Association of American Railroads announced the eleventh, consecutive Railroad Industry Quality Conference! **This year's conference will be held September 24-25, 2003, at the Hilton Chicago and Towers, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605.** This year the conference is being held with RSI Annual Convention and Technical Conference with the AAR/NARMO and Safety Conference. Cost is \$325. Register at www.rsiweb.org
6. The next WWG conference call will be on Tuesday August 12, 2003 at 1:00 (CST).

Action Item Review

	Assigned to:	Due:
1. AAR Review	Bill Smith	08-12-03
2. ARB Answer	Russ Ferretti	07-31-03
3. DoD UID Policy and IPT Workshop Update	Jon Andresen	08-12-03
4. Put proposed spec out for industry comment	AAR	07-31-03
5. Face-to-face meeting after public comment period		Sept ?, 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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