

# ISM RIF WWG Teleconference

## August 26, 2002

Tony Sciacca read the Anti-Trust Disclaimer Statement.

1. Specification review involved considerable discussion on the comparison of the ANSI/ISO MH 10.8.2 and the ATA Spec2000. Various group members questioned concerns on readability and compatibility between the two systems. Jon Andresen assured all concerned that there was technology and software available to resolve these issues. Our AAR specification addresses what the bar code means in a business application (the railroad world) more than how the bar codes should look.
2. The proposed AAR standard is easy to understand, less complicated, a proven system, and explainable. What you see you get (WYSYG). There are no hidden characters. The proposed standard is an application specification. There are minimum requirements for bar coding outlined in the draft, however, it is not a bar code specification. The group again, agreed to follow the ATA Spec2000 format in the proposed AAR specification
3. The survey results from the last conference call were reviewed. The Case Study was approved with twelve (12) members responding. There were eleven (11) approving and one (1) denial responses. Duly noted there was little cost analysis for implementation and management cost in the study. Even though hard administrative numbers could not be gathered, the committee felt that the potential savings outweigh the administrative cost and the draft should be released as proposed. Case study was approved for distribution.
4. A cover letter from the WWG will be sent to the AAR EEC by August 28, 2002. Rick Stuaffer will update the group on the response from the Engineering Committee.
5. There will be a presentation at the RPI/RIF Quality Conference in Chicago on October 29-30, 2002 called "Bar Coding for Quality". Greg Dunnell and Pete Ginkel will assist Bill Smith in the presentation.
6. Working Group is invited to bar coding symposium at Bar Code Trade Show in Chicago at the McCormick Place on September 24, 2002. Jon Andresen will provide more details in a separate email.
7. The next WWG conference call will be announced after the EEC Meeting feedback, sometime late September.

### **Action Item Review**

	Assigned to:	Due:
1. Approve letter to AAR EEC	All	08-28-02
2. AAR EEC approval process	Rick Stuaffer	09-09-02
3. AAR TSWC Approval	TBD	TBD
4. Submit to the industry for public comment		2002

Bill Smith  
ISM-WWG Chairman

## ISM-RIF-WWG

(Institute for Supply Management – Rail Industry Forum – Warranty Working Group)

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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