



September 16, 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 that Pat Ameen from the AAR indicated that he would be releasing the proposed specification for public comment in a circular letter soon. No additional information is available.

3. DoD UID IPT Update

Gary Moe and Tony Sciacca updated the group on DFAR (Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation) and Department of Defense's UID policy memo released on July 29, 2003. On September 25, 2003, they will meet again to finish developing the 30 Business Rules that apply to this standard. More information is available at www.uniqueid.org.

4. 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

5. The next meeting is tentatively set for November 6, 2003 with location to be determined. Mr. Jay Principe from RSVI Symbology Research Center in Huntsville, AL had volunteered to host this meeting, however only three of the members could make it due to travel restrictions. All this is pending final AAR feedback from the circular letter, (if it ever gets out there).

Action Item Review

	Assigned to:	Due:
1. Talk to Tom Stahura at AAR QAC Meeting	Russ Ferretti	09-23-03
2. Review of AAR Circular Letter Responses	Bill Smith	When received?
3. Face-to-face meeting after public comment period	All	11-06-03

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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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