IFTMBF
DG Bookings between Carriers
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IFTMBF for DG Bookings - Purpose

Message Usage

Commonly the IFTMBF Edifact message is used for a booking from a customer to a shipping line.

However in the SMDG context, it is used for a different purpose, namely the exchange of DG bookings between Shipping Lines where one Shipping Lines uses the space on a vessel operated by another Line.

It is sent from the Container Operator (the Carrier that booked the container) to the Vessel Operator. The Vessel Operator will usually reply with a IFTMBC confirmation (or reject) message.

Benefit of using EDI: The receiving carrier does not need to input manually the DG booking details.
IFTMBF and IFTMBC for DG Bookings - Process

**Transport Order (DG)**

**Booking Confirmation**

**Booking**

**Partner Booking**

**Approval or Reject**

**DG Booking from Container Operator to Vessel Operator**

- **MIG by SMDG is published**

**DG Booking Confirmation from Vessel Operator to Container Operator**

- **MIG from SMDG is not (yet) available**

- **VESSEL OPERATOR**

- **CARRIER = PARTNER LINE**

- **SHIPPER = CUSTOMER**
IFTMBF for DG Bookings - Status

- **Current Status**
  Since 2011 the SMDG has taken responsibility for this message. Latest Version 1.3.1 based on D.00B was published in December 2012.

- **Usage**
  This MIG is currently used by HL, ONE, OOCL, Hamburg-Süd, Hyundai, CMACGM and in a similar version by MSC. Also by Maersk Line, ZIM and WEC Lines. It is seen as the world standard.

- **2018 Redesign**
  In 2018, MSC has started an initiative to enhance the message with missing elements, and to increase the acceptance of the standard MIG. Target is to achieve one common standard MIG that is accepted and used by all carriers and that is published by the SMDG. All major carriers are participating.

  Goal: No more individual implementation guides needed!
IFTMBF for DG Bookings – Topics

- **IFTMBF Changes in new MIG version SMDG 1.4** currently in work

  - **Transhipment** scenario
  - **Reefer** settings: To be reported on GID level or on EQD level
  - **Fumigated Container**: Date/Time of fumigation on EQD level and the other items on GID level
  - **PSN vs. TN**
  - **CAA** competent authority approval
  - **IMO Sort Codes**: TLQ, TEQ, Residue, Normal, ...
  - Solution for **CFR49** cargo
  - Solution for **SAPT / SADT** transmission
  - **Slot charter** scenario: distinguish whether the message comes from a VSA partner or from a slot charterer
  - **BGM function codes** – only 1 / 4 / 5 / 9 to be used.
    - How to send cancellations.
  - **How to link an IFTMBC to a IFTMBC**
  - … and more items, to be discussed during the workgroup meeting on 10th Oct
IFTMBC – Booking Confirmation for DG bookings

- So far no MIG available for IFTMBC for DG bookings
- SMDG should provide a MIG for this IFTMBC as an international standard

Items discussed:

- IFTMBC for each single container, or for the whole booking?
  The MIG should allow both options.
- References needed in the IFTMBC:
  - Reference to the booking message BGM reference
  - Reference to the booking number
  - Reference to the internal container identifier
  - Reference to the container number resp. to the placeholder as long as no container number is known