

Report of the Supply Chain Integration Working Group
Report by the Co-Chairs

1. Subject	References/paragraphs
Report of the meeting of the Supply Chain Integration Working Group held on 4 September 2019	§§1-12
2. Decision expected	
The EC is invited to take note of the report.	§§1-12

I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1 The third meeting of the Supply Chain Integration Working Group was held in Tokyo, Japan, on Wednesday, 4 September 2019.

2 India, one of the two Co-Chairs of the Working Group, opened the meeting by welcoming all the participants.

3 India outlined the proposed agenda of the Working Group. The agenda was approved without any changes.

II. Outcomes of the UPU POC Committee 1 activities

4 Japan, the other Co-Chair of the Working Group, outlined the development of the work undertaken by UPU POC Committee 1, referring to each of the standing groups under the Committee, namely, the Standards Board, the Operations and Accounting Review Group, the Customs Group, the Transport Group and the Postal Security Group. Japan also updated the WG on the issues of electronic advance data (EAD) addressed by the Committee.

5 The Working Group took note of the presentation.

III. Experiences and best practices

6 Tonga made a presentation about their postal transport practices focusing on the following:

- importance of enhancing reliable, safe and affordable transport services and ICT in the Pacific

islands;

- challenges and related plans. Need assistance from the UPU and other relevant agencies;
- leg 2 performance in the Pacific region; average days from departure from outward OEs to arrival at inward OEs;
- current EDI exchange status among the Posts in the Pacific region. ORE project to implement ITMATT exchanges;
- need for closer partnership between Posts and air carriers; and
- need to provide speedy, efficient and accurate services to all customers.

In reply to a question from the floor, Tonga mentioned that a service level agreement with air carriers had yet to be concluded.

7 Hong Kong, China, made a presentation about the pilot project in the Kahala Post Group (KPG) with a major airline company, Cathay Pacific, on postal transport, focusing on:

- key challenges in leg 2 linehaul;
- leg 2 operational challenges and opportunities, including the possible use of Mail Registration Devices (MRDs) and the possible linkage of airline's commercial air waybill system with Post by using a new Postal Air Waybill initiative;
- collaboration with the airline aiming at increasing the visibility of mail during handling by airlines by developing a pioneering pilot in which a PAWB number is input in RESDIT messages.

In reply to questions from the floor, Hong Kong explained that the PAWB number to be included in RESDIT messages would enable Hongkong Post to access the Cathay Pacific IT system to monitor the latter's handling of postal consignments, thereby increasing the visibility of leg 2 performance and that it was not the intention to replace the CN 38 delivery bill currently used with an air waybill.

8 Singapore made a presentation about their experience in implementing electronic advance data (EAD) focusing on the following:

- environment and background behind the necessity of capturing EAD in the postal sector;
- outstanding issues for finalizing the UPU EAD global postal model in terms of data flows and operations;
- efforts to capture electronic data for creating ITMATT messages including the provision of tools and interface to customers for their data entry.

In replying to questions from the floor, Singapore clarified that:

- ITMATT messages were transmitted at the time of the EMA event (acceptance of item), but the export of some items might be cancelled as a result of security screening before dispatching those

items abroad:

- electronical linkage of S9 and S10 (nesting) of untracked small packets was one of the big challenges;
- ITMATT messages on outbound items were currently captured and transmitted abroad and, therefore, an interface with the customs authority in Singapore had not been established yet;
- the UPU was developing a framework for multilateral data sharing agreement from the viewpoint of protecting privacy in exchanging and using ITMATT messages.

9 The Working Group took noted of the three presentations.

IV. Date of the next meeting

10 The Working Group noted that its next meeting would be held in conjunction with the 2020 APPU EC meeting the exact date of which had yet to be determined.

V. Any other business

11 No requests were made from the floor.

VI. Closing

12 India closed the meeting by thanking all the members for their active participation.

India/Japan
Co-Chairs