

NSW Ports Cargo Facilitation Committee



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**FINAL Minutes of a Meeting of the
NSW PORTS CARGO FACILITATION COMMITTEE
(No. 4/2014)**

**Sydney Ports Operations Centre
Wednesday, 13 August, 2014
(11:00-12:00Hrs)**

PRESENT:

Mr Rodney Vaughan	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
Mr John Mousinho	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
Mrs Jodie Broadbent	Australian Trucking Association NSW (ATA NSW)
Mr John Preston	ATA NSW Container Sub Committee
Mr Paul Downey	ATA NSW Container Sub Committee
Mr Greg Baldock	SICTL
Mr John Donnell	Transport for NSW
Mr Andrew Waterworth	Australian Federation of International Forwarders (AFIF) Ltd
Mr Haydn Monroe	Department of Agriculture
Mr Brad Ellem	Patrick Logistics
Mr John Karamanis	Maritime Container Services (MSC)
Mr Gary Holt	DB Schenker
Mr Ian Ross	DP World
Mr Bruce Guy	DP World
Ms Sue Tomic	Maritime Container Services (MSC)
Mr David Scott	CBFCA – Commercial Freight Logistics
Mr Adem Long	NSW Ports
Mrs Sandra Spate	Minute taker

APOLOGIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Apologies were received from:

Mr Steve Gunn	Transport for NSW
Mr Hart Krtschil	Australian Industry Working Group on Biosecurity (AIWGB)
Mr Claude Varnier	Empty Container Parks Representative
Mr Craig McKay	Rail Operations Representative
Mr Allan Flynn	Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH)
Mr Andrew Karas	Shipping Australia Limited

Adem L welcomed Bruce Guy, Gary Holt, Rodney Vaughan and Brad Ellem. Rodney is replacing Doug Greaves who has retired from Customs.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mandatory Standards

- Regarding the action that Adem L will insert a link to the proposed changes to Mandatory Standards on the website and insert in the minutes, this was done and the action is closed.

Dangerous Goods

- Adem L suggests carriers continue discussing issues with terminals.
- John P and Greg B reported processes currently seem to be working.

Height sensors

- In response to comments from the last meeting around height sensors RMS has provided a response contained in the last minutes. Information pamphlets available at the meeting are for distribution to truck drivers.
- Jodie B asked for an electronic copy of the pamphlet. Adem L will provide Jodie with an electronic copy of the RMS pamphlet.
- Greg B will include a link to the RMS information sheet on the Hutchison website.
- John P reported there are problems with individual drivers turning left down Foreshore Road instead of right. There seems to be no consistency regarding tunnels and bridges. If detected on the M5 with a 9 ½ foot box they get off at St Peters and come round the long way. A lot of the trucks in the harbour tunnel is not port traffic.
- Paul D noted there is no other strategy for the M5 but to pull over.
- RMS has been asked for more data such as direction of trucks so NSW Ports can take this up with specific carriers. As yet no data has been made available.

Super Bs

- Adem L reported approval for Super Bs over the DPW end with permits for Patrick, ACFS and Qube. Approval for the rest (Botany Road, Beauchamp Road) is subject to a cost benefit analysis.

- There was initially some discussion about approval up to Hale St but it was deemed this is not needed at this stage.

Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal

- Jodie B said this is progressing with a meeting this afternoon at which Tim Squires will present a cost model of what is being considered by the Remuneration Tribunal.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. NSW Port Update

- Adem L reported a positive increase in volumes with trade results for last year showing an overall increase in containers of 3.8%. The downside is rail numbers didn't increase. The report is on the NSW Ports website.

<http://www.nswportsbotany.com.au/trade/trade-results/>

- Greg B reported Hutchison was getting ready for operation at Enfield in October.
- EOI's have gone out for additional companies at Enfield and RFPs are being considered.
- Greg B reported Hutchison was getting ready for operation at Enfield.

b. PBLIS/ TfNSW Update

- John D reported PBLIS has now transitioned to Transport NSW, and is now coming under CMCC. Micah Clarke has left PBLIS and John is acting Road Manager.
- Mandatory Standards changes have been submitted to the Minister's office but there has not yet been a response.
- Truck turn around is good with less than 26 minutes across all stevedores.
- There have been 8 approved Unforeseen Events since the beginning of June. This includes all stevedores as well as 2 carriers. John D noted they receive a lot of requests for Unforeseen Events and there is need for proof before they can be approved. He asked that CFC attendees take this back to their members / staff.
- Hutchison is scheduled to go live next week. They are up to date with invoicing. There is not much feedback from carriers except that Hutchison have been cooperative regarding disputes.
- With DP World, Stevedore Impacted Trucks are not automatically detected and John D suggested all carriers check SIT's to ensure invoices are correct.

- Regarding Patrick, Ramp D implementation scheduled for August 23 will result in a slot reduction request and CMCC will support this in the interest of long term efficiency.

c. Department of Agriculture

- Haydn M reported trialling tablets to expand IT capability for on the ground operations across the nation, access to pre arrival reports, undertaking inspections etc. The Department can assess, inspect, make changes, and finalise or modify all in the one instance
- Adem L asked if there are foreseen delays in the implementation of the tablets. Haydn M replied this is a trial. Training was conducted 3 weeks ago and there will be follow up training in the next 3 weeks.
- Haydn M reported a significant seasonal increase in the Asian gypsy moth which poses a major risk as caterpillars feed on more than 600 species of trees. This would have a devastating impact upon forests in Australia. He asked for additional vigilance from carriers, truck drivers etc, and when sighted please call 1800-798-636 immediately for assistance. Haydn M will send the fact sheet and electronic link to Adem L for distribution to the CFC.

<http://www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity/import/cargo/pests/asian-gypsy-moth>

d. Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS)

- John M reported that as part of the major restructure a lot of responsibilities were devolved to the states from Canberra. He introduced Rod Vaughan as the new director with responsibility for cargo. Rod noted he has been working in this field for 35 years and looks forward to attending CFC meetings.

e. Road Transport

- Jodie informed the meeting that Greg Lawson has stepped down as Chairman of the ATA NSW Containers Sub Committee. John Preston has taken over this role and he and Paul Downey will attend CFC meetings. Attendance records should show Jodie as attending from ATA NSW and the others from the Sub Committee.
- Paul D raised issues with an email from Hutchison around PRAs for empty returns and potential charges to carriers if incorrectly completed. If the PRA has been accepted through port the carriers accept it. Why is there an issue if it has been accepted through port? He notes they are in discussion with Hutchison on the issue.
- DP World has a different arrangement and carriers don't complete PRAs. He suggests utilising the pin number on the bill of lading as a return.

- Greg B replied that if the consignees has recorded 9 for 6 instead of 8 for 6 the shipping line sends the rejection after the PRA has been accepted. Hutchison is a fully automated terminal and doesn't have someone at the gate as with other terminals.
- Adem L will summarise the discussion on PRAs and send it to Andrew K for comment.
- John P reported ongoing manifest problems with Hutchison not giving manifest pins and having to do it manually over the phone.
- Regarding DP World John P reported fielding a lot of calls from people who can't get enough exports. Big carriers have access to 4 slots and smaller ones 2. At Patrick there is access to 5 slots. He noted issues with people listing outside the 24 hour period and cancelling.
- John D noted hoarding slots is continuing and is difficult to police. Mandatory Standard changes go some way to giving TfNSW more power to make people accountable for this. There are also discussions to tweak it outside the Mandatory Standards process.
- Adem L asked whether carriers support the changes. Jodie B noted they have made a number of submissions.
- David S noted in relation to ports other than NSW (where PBLIS has done well) that additional charges are going to carriers through VBS. There are concerns that this could filter through here with charges coming back to importers and exporters through increased VBS charges. With weighbridges in Sydney \$5 a box goes the shipping lines but in Brisbane goes through VBS.
- Adem L reported problems with signage changes at Simblist Road. Adem has had input from John P and Paul D and is meeting the NSW Ports Traffic Manager this afternoon.

f. Rail Transport

- Hutchison's rail is now operating and there has been a positive response. Greg B thanked Qube and MSC for their contribution.
- John K noted it is 3 ½ months since the MCS services started operating and volumes have been growing. He expects further increase when they are able to run to Patrick. Patrick is aiming for the second week in September.

- Paul D asked whether MCS's position on tailgate inspections has been clarified. John K reported the pits had to be reviewed and another application has gone to Department of Agriculture in Canberra for assessment.

g. Empty Container Parks (ECPs)

- Adem L reported July figures of 66.2 % capacity with June a little below that.
- John P requested ECPs provide communications on delays such as stack runs and forklift breakdowns as Patrick does.
- John P noted he has had no response to a request for an updated contact list for container parks. This has had a detrimental effect to carriers delayed 1 to 1 ½ hours to then get to terminals. This will hurt in peak season.

5. REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Greg B reported the new development is in phase 2 in blocks 4,5 and 6. They hope to finish at the end of the first quarter next year. This will provide an additional 12,000 TEU capacity.
- Brad E reported extra lanes being constructed into and out of the Patrick Port Botany container park. This will assist with traffic flow. Paul D asked that flyers around the changes be provided. Brad replied this will happen.
- Adem L reported that EPA have indicated their initial noise monitoring results were wrong and they have found two exceedances over a two week period. What or when is unknown. They have issued a media release stating they agree with community concerns that there is a noise issue.
- Jodie B reported that Truck Week will be held at the truck marshalling area on Monday 1st September from 7.30am to 10 am. It will include a sausage sizzle and the Minister has been invited. Everyone is welcome. Certificates are available to award to staff in recognition of drivers. Jodie will send details of Truck Week to Adem for distribution.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Required Actions by next meeting

- Adem L will provide Jodie with an electronic copy of the RMS pamphlet.
- Greg B will include a link to the RMS information sheet on the Hutchison website.

- Haydn M will send the fact sheet and electronic link on the Asian gypsy moth to Adem L for distribution to the CFC

<http://www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity/import/cargo/pests/asian-gypsy-moth>

- Patrick to provide ATA NSW Container Sub Committee with notices of changes around construction of extra lanes at the Port Botany container park and provide to CMCC for inclusion on 1-Stop.
- Jodie B will send details of Truck Week for distribution.

8. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Wednesday 22nd October.