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ON THE HOMEFRONT

Please join us in welcoming the following members and participants to the GSMP family:

ALIGN DATA BRG

- Cristian Barriga, Unilever, Chile
- Hanjörg Lerch, Metro AG, Germany

ASSET BRG

- Daniel Kimball, Department Of Defense, AIT office

ORDER BRG

- Alice Agumon, EAN France (GENCOD)
- Daniel Campero, EAN Mexico (AMECE)
- Stef Spaan, EAN Netherlands

PLAN BRG

- Eric Aronowitz, Kimberly-Clark
- Nikhil Sagar, Whirlpool Corporation

PTRG

- Congratulations to Paul Nutter, the new Vice-Chair of PTRG!

THE SUCCESS OF GSMP

It is time to congratulate PTRG on the approval of the Change Request relating to GTIN Allocation Rules, when to change a GTIN. PTRG accomplished this feat through the sole use of eRoom, teleconferences, and Webinars. This approved Change Request provides an update of the general rules for all industries and very specific rules including rationale and consequences for the Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) industry.

ALIGN DATA BRG has been furiously working on the foundational documents that support the GSMP. The project teams that comprise ALIGN DATA BRG have completed the Business Requirement Documents (BRDs) for ITEM, PARTY, PRICE, Price Bracket, and Data Synchronization (Phase 1-ITEM). These documents are now available for review in the 'Public Review Packets' folder in the ALIGN DATA BRG eRoom. Please provide your comments and post them appropriately in the eRoom.

The results are in! The Business and Technical Requirement Groups are beginning to see the results of all their hard work and dedication. Since the launch of the GSMP, many of the BRGs have concentrated on the development of "suites of standards". The completion of the Business Message Standards for these suites will provide the foundation for transaction of business within these processes.

- How "Suite" It Is! The Transportation Suite that includes: Bill Of Lading, Booking Request & Acknowledgement, Less Than Truck Load Pick-up and Manifest, Full Truck Load Tender and Response, and Small Package Pickup Manifest messages have been approved by the GSMP.
- The Warehouse and Pay/Financial Suite documents are currently in the final approval stages with ITRG. Ballot for these suites ends November 14, 2002.

Thank you to all the dedicated individuals who have made time to complete these important standards and to all the Chairs for their leadership and commitment to achieve these outstanding results.



INSIDE THE GSMP

ALIGN DATA BRG

Staying in line, ALIGN DATA BRG continues to work on Phase 2 of Data Synchronization and the implementation of the Global Data Synchronization Network scheduled for early 2003. We encourage you to join the efforts of the Data Synchronization Project Team and participate in their Tuesday morning calls at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (US & Canada). All interested parties can dial: within US 816-650-0723; outside US 011-816-650-0723 (access code 38282#). Participation is open to everyone, please join us!

ASSET BRG

Still in the construction phase, ASSET BRG began collecting documented initiatives directly associated with fixed and returnable assets. All documents that identify the need for global standards will be used to classify and prioritise opportunities for standards development and implementation. Stay tuned to ASSET BRG to learn of their completed building process.

DELIVER BRG

DELIVER BRG continues to deliver results. The Transportation Task Group will be conducting their fall meeting in San Antonio, TX USA on November 11 and 12. During this meeting, the group will be focused on developing a plan for piloting the new messages that were recently approved by ITRG. Additionally, DELIVER BRG is discussing the development and implementation of a routing guide.

ORDER BRG

Keeping the pace, ORDER BRG has approved BRDs for Purchase Order Change - Buyer Initiated and Order Response and routed them for XML development. This group has also sent Business Requirement Worksheets (BRWs) for Multi Ship-To and Blanket Order for UML development and is currently focused on developing BRWs for Direct to Consumer and Furniture Configure to Order.

PAY BRG

The 'pay-off' is within reach as PAY BRG continues to work on several Change Requests that consist of enhanced requirements to the Payment Terms process. Discussions have been held regarding requirements for handling payments directed to a 3rd party and the clarification on the "signage" of values and the business application of debit and credit advices is also being conducted.

PLAN BRG

A work plan has been set into motion by PLAN BRG to enhance the current design of the CPFR® Event Message. In order to capture user experience and necessary promotion planning information, these enhancements will also include feedback from the Global Commerce Initiative (GCI). With several BRWs in process and more on the way, there will be a new and improved CPFR Event Message that will focus on the needs of the CPFR Practitioners.

PLAN BRG continues to create a framework for XML Message Error Handling and the format of Bulk Messages since both are needed in an environment where large sets of data will be passed between partners and currently, there is no way to note a failure with an XML Message.

USER CORNER

" We recognize the benefits to be gained from our involvement in the GSMP. They include: development of common multi-industry global standards for XML, which will reduce the number of XML formats we need to support; ability to influence and understand standards as they are developed; participation with our peer companies for contacts and learning experiences; and knowledge of new customer/industry requirements before they become mandatory.

The global aspect of the global standards management process is very important. 3M have operations in over 60 countries, so the development of a common global standard for XML is of great advantage to us. And for that matter, even companies who do not conduct direct international business, most likely deal with companies who do, and will be impacted by global standards."

Marilyn Dodd
eBusiness Specialist
3M

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ITRG

It is all about the approval for ITRG as they continue working on processing EDI Change Requests and conduct the review and approval of EAN.UCC Business Message Standards. The e-C Global Implementation Forum is working on the development of a "global generic messaging header", a proposal that was accepted by UN/CEFACT to be included in their endeavors.

PTRG

Physically focusing all energy on issues like 2005 and GTIN implementation, PTRG has many Change Requests in the queue. Their work will remain concentrated on AIDC implementation issues and preparing for decisions regarding new carriers such as Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), ePC, and GTAG.

LAUNCHING THE GDD. . .

EAN and the UCC are very proud to announce the on-time Internet launch of the EAN.UCC Global Data Dictionary (GDD) Phase II system on October 1, 2002. This launch successfully accomplished a much-anticipated milestone for the EAN.UCC System.

The GDD sub-system provides online, real-time access to a library of core component information supporting the EAN.UCC System standards. This worldwide access includes information on EAN.UCC Business Practices, Business Messages, Classes, Business Attributes and Code Lists.

The October 1 launch supports Version 1.1 Simpl-eb and CPFR® Standards released in February 2002. The design facilitates on-going support of ebXML Core Components and will assist the development efforts of future standards by the GSMP. Canned query and downloadable reports are available for all EAN, UCC, and ECC member companies to assist with implementation. Please click on the following link to access the new online GDD system.

Click here: <http://www.ean-ucc.org/>

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THE F.Y.I. BOARD

1. GLOBAL MODELERS IN TRAINING . . .

The Global Business Process Modeling Team met in the offices of the UCC in Princeton, NJ USA the week of October 7th through 11th.



The team was trained on the current modeling methodology, their role in the GSMP, and modeling techniques. The team also developed an improved workflow, identified tools that would aid the modeling process and discussed best practices. Along with some team building exercises, the team worked through the modeling process and created a BRD for Order BRG.

In the picture, from left to right (Andre Huertas, Regenal Kramer, Douglas Hill, Anders Grangard, Giovantti Biffi, Umang Patel, Robert Celeste, and John Ryu).

2. IT IS ALL ABOUT THE PROCESS . . .

The Central Operations Management Team (COMT) and the BRG Managers met in Lambertville, NJ USA on October 15-17, 2002. These meetings were very successful and identified many enhancements to the GSMP, the daily operations, and communication methods. Be on the look out for information to come from your BRG or TRG Manager.

3. eROOM UPGRADE . . .

An upgrade to the latest version of eRoom was conducted on Sunday, October 13, 2002. This enhancement provides:

- hierarchical navigation
- eRoom tool bar
- eRoom recycle bin and much more.

Click here to login to the eRoom and experience these new features.