



STANDARDISED Data Set NEWS

Standardised Data Set Newsletter March 2005

Introduction

In early 2004 the Standardised Data Set (SDS) Project was an idea discussed in the Information Standards and Harmonisation (ISH). Section of Customs, Canberra. This concept arose from Gareth Lewis (Director ISH) being involved in international forums associated with the better use of information in supply chain management. Gareth is the chair of the World Customs Organisation Data Model Project Team.

With the assistance of his staff Manda Tomicic and Paul McLellan, the proposal for SDS was submitted to Government in May 2004 and recommended under the Maritime Security Review and approved in principle. Government saw the proposal as 'a matter of urgency'.

Maritime Security

Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Chris Ellison announced funding on 20 July 2004 to provide a major boost for Australia's maritime security. Senator Ellison announced amongst the

initiatives the funding for the SDS project to:

'Identify information which could streamline the maritime security task for industry and deliver enhanced security for the Australian community.'

The SDS Project Team

The funding for the SDS project is for the year ending 31 October 2005. The project team was assembled gradually, with the full team in place for a planning workshop from 12-14 January 2005.

The team is made up of: Director Julie Olarens Shaw with 2 teams including a manager, business analyst and data analyst with support from Paul and Jeff. Gareth Lewis provides the strategic direction and Peter King is project manager also responsible for writing the submission to Government.



Standardised Data Set Project Team and International Guests

Top Row (R to L) Dietmar Jost (WCO), Jeff McKee (Admin Support), Paul McLellan (Research), Neil Hogan (Business Analyst), Peter King (Project Manager), Malcolm Galer (Data Analyst), Bill Nolle (US Customs). Front Row (R to L) Susan Quan Wing (Business Analyst), Lindy Leavold (Manager SDS), Eric Sunstrum (Canada Customs), Gareth Lewis (Director ISH), Manda Tomicic (Manager SDS), Julie Wright (Data Analyst) Julie Olarens Shaw (Director SDS). Not pictured Dave Hunt (Director Data Management)

The SDS Project Team continued

The team is made up of some career Customs people with a wealth of international trade experience along with some imported talent for data analysis and project management.

Consultation

In January 2005 Mr Lionel Woodward, CEO of Customs wrote to over 75 agencies and industry introducing the SDS Project and where relevant seeking a point of contact in each organisation.

From early March the SDS project team will contact all participating organisations to discuss:

- Requirements with regards to the input, collection and use of international trade data
- For agencies a questionnaire seeking details of data elements collected and data definitions
- Ongoing liaison with regards to the business case for Single Window and the proposed Australian Standardised Data Set

International Forums

All participating government agencies have been invited to the Standardised Data Set Agency Forum to be held in **Canberra** on **Thursday 3 March** at the National Convention Centre (9-30 to 11-30am).

Peak bodies in the international trade industry have been invited to the Standardised Data Industry Forum at the **Sydney Mercure Hotel** on **Wednesday 2 March** (4-00 to 6-00pm).

International guest speakers at the forums include Dietmar Jost from the World Customs Organisation,

Bill Nolle from US Customs and Border Protection and Eric Sunstrum from Canada Border Services Agency. All will be speaking about their experiences with data harmonisation and single window to government for international trade. Director SDS Julie Olarens Shaw will speak about the Australian SDS project.

Pilot

The SDS team in February began working with 2 pilot agencies (Wheat Export Authority and Department of Industry Tourism and Resources) to collect and analyse data via a questionnaire. The data will be benchmarked against the WCO Data Model. Lessons learnt from the pilot will be incorporated into the questionnaire used with participating agencies.

Our Deliverables

By 31 October 2005 the SDS project team will deliver the following outcomes:

- An Australian Standardised Data Set for international trade which has been developed in conjunction with relevant government agencies; and
- An options paper in the form of a Business Case for a domestic Single Window for international trade building on the Australian SDS

Schedule

Below is an outline of the project schedule indicating the broad sequence of events.

Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sep 05	Oct 05
Project Initiation	Agency & Industry Engagement	Individual Agency Data Analysis			Build & Harmonise the Australian SDS				Seal The Australian SDS
	Methodology Development (Pilot)	Develop Architecture Options	Delivery Options	Governance Options	Compile Business Case		Socialise Business Case	Prepare Submission	
		Cost Benefits Analysis							
		Integrated Risk Assessment Options							

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