Inter-Agency Group Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

April 3rd, 2014
Meeting Start Time: 14:00
Room MOE12

1. Introductions
   Mr Whittingham opened the meeting.

2. Review of Agenda
   It was decided that the Denial of Shipment issue would be addressed first.

3. Summaries of previous meetings/introduction of upcoming meetings
   a. TRANSSC 27/28 Bill Brach summarized the work done at TRANSSC 27. The report for this meeting (in DRAFT) is available at the TRANSSC website. It was decided to not enter a new revision cycle for SSR-6. The new term begins with TRANSSC 28. The first day of TRANSSC will be induction and training for new members. Part 2 will be either technical working groups (2-2.5 days) or the core business part of the meeting. Looking for TRANSSC member presentations on application of the regulations in their countries. Will include an agenda item on Denial of Shipments. Steve added that RASSC members will join our meeting to discuss exemption levels. Two pieces of work including transport of foodstuffs that are contaminated, as well as transport of contaminated goods and people are to be discussed with RASSC. A brief discussion of the potential timeline for the issuance of a revised SSR-6 took place. Methods of interface between the UN organizations, during the review of transport regulations, was discussed. Better if harmonization is part of the process rather than an afterthought. Previous IAG meetings included reviewing actual proposal papers, which some found helpful. The idea of including proposals related to (transport) security was also discussed.
   b. UNECE SCETDG 43rd/44th meeting; RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting March 2014 Olivier Kervella provided a brief update, pointing to the website for the meetings.
   c. IMO DSC 18th meeting Loukas K provided an update of the last meeting.
   d. ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel 24th/25th Meeting Katherine Rooney provided a brief update of the previous DGP meeting.
   e. Coastal/Shipping States Working Group on Communication Best Practices: Document requested to be published as an IAEA INFCIRC by the CS/SS working group chair.

4. Denial of Shipment:
   a. Update from DWG (now TFWG)
      Paul Gray provided a summary of the first meeting of the TFWG which occurred Monday 31 March, 2014. He walked through the meeting report. Reporting was discussed and it was proposed that reporting of Denials should be made directly to the responsible modal organizations (ICAO and IMO). Engagement of the WCO was mentioned. Because the TFWG is in its initial inception, it will take time for it to get up to speed. See the attached report for additional information.
   b. Report to TRANSSC

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There is not a specific agenda item for “denial of shipment” in TRANSCC. Issues can be raised directly with ICAO, for IMO, it must be raised by a member state. The report of the TFWG will be submitted to TRANSSC. The IAEA will seek the appropriate path forward in re-engaging NFPs that have been named for transport as well as encouraging countries that did not nominate to nominate.

5. Development of Terms of Reference for IAG
Steve encouraged the other UN organizations to speak to their management to get support for making the “Ad-Hoc” group more formal, so that it can have a more “permanent” standing. The process of finding an appropriate time to have the face-to-face meetings can be a challenge as travel budgets are tight, and to couple it with other meetings can make it very challenging for some members to participate. Title needs to be clarified, this is for RAM.

6. Discussion of Working Paper for UF6 (to be provided to 45th meeting of the SCETDG)
Paper will be provided to TRANSSC as an information paper. This paper was discussed by the proposing author with members of the IAG prior to this meeting. It will be submitted to the SCETDG.

7. Potential for cooperation
   a. Regulations
   b. Training: IMO eLearning course on Class 7 is up for renewal. There will be no funds.
      2014 IMDG/IMSBC training: Togo, Morocco, St Lucia (in the Caribbean), questions on dates for training, number of delegates, amount of support, and access to training material were asked, and will be answered by IMO.
      UNECE training for ADR in Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Egypt, Libya, and Morocco; NOT radioactive material, but if countries adopt Class 7 will be part of it. As part of the UN training organization, they travel to other countries to promote “national” regulations, ADR is sometimes part of this. A question on the involvement of the Union for the Mediterranean in this work was raised, and Olivier was going to check on it.
      The plans for an IAEA Technical Meeting on Accidents, and the publication of the Air Accidents CRP were discussed.

8. Meetings/Events Schedule for 2014/2015
   a. Update Calendars! Request was made to put any and all relevant trainings on the calendar.

   Items to be covered as time allows: updates provided

9. Inter-regional activities
   a. Update on Inter-Regional TC transport project (INT 9180)

10. Regional activities
    a. Asia-Pacific
       i. TC Activities (RAS 9067)
          1. Beijing Workshop (complete)
          2. Workshop on Transport for Asia (complete)
          3. New Zealand Workshop (for Pacific Islands) 28 Apr – 2 May, 2014
    b. Latin America and the Caribbean

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i. Caribbean training (US funded) 2-6 June, 2014

c. Africa (TC)
   Consultancy to develop draft action plan for African Region (complete)
   Regional Coordination Meeting (June)

d. Mediterranean (EU funded)
   Coordination and 2nd meeting (Self Assessment and Peer Review) completed
   Development of Regional Action Plan (May Meeting in Morocco)

11. Other Business
    No other business was discussed.

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