Electronic EFTCO Cleaning Document or eECD

eECD Project

Communication Letter

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1. ECLIC: a dedicated structure for the eECD project

The eECD pilot project, which aims at digitalizing the EFTCO Cleaning Document, is a first Use Case to help shaping up digitalization and to facilitate collaborative paperless working across different stakeholders active in the chemicals logistics supply chain. As planned at the beginning of the project, the founding members ECTA, essenscia and EFCTO set up a separate "not for profit" association under the name of "**ECLIC**" ("**European Chemical Logistics Information Council**") on 16th March to ensure proper funding, management and steering.

ECLIC offers the eECD project a management home base working on a "not for profit" operating model. "**ECLIC**" stands for and represents the "organization" that will manage the eECD and other digital Use Cases in the future. The ECLIC vzw/asbl, which is based in Brussels, is represented by an association board and company members from each of the founding associations.

As the eECD business model, that will operate under ECLIC, is a non-profit scheme, once the eECD pilot project will have proved successful in the second half of 2018, the original investment costs will be recovered through a pre-agreed membership fee per company and a cost per eECD. Due to this "non-profit" character, the membership fees should be fair, fully transparent, competitive with paper and acceptable to all User Companies.

2. The new eECD cloud driven process got firmed up in March

On March 19th, the eECD process walk-through workshop gathered all the involved eECD pilot companies together with Nallian-NxtPort & Pionira. This open discussion forum zoomed in on the MVP process steps, the required master data set ups, the different Roles and Responsibilities and the detailed process steps required to digitalize the eECD. Several new process development insights were gained and some new issues were addressed. In addition, a detailed IT development plan was agreed building on the scrum methodology. The first development sprint (more from a technical platform nature) is planned to start in April 2018. Looking at the most recent timeline and taking into account 4 consecutive sprints, a first eECD pilot version could still be ready to be demo'ed before the summer vacation.

3. eECD on pole position for Benelux paperless logistics

Last month, several articles were published on paperless logistics and eCMR.

According to the IRU publication "Digital transport is now possible between the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, as transporters in the three countries switch to paperless consignment notes. Announcing the milestone, the Benelux countries launched a trial of the system. Furthermore they claim a cost saving of 4.5 euro/CMR.

The Belgian OTM article also related that DG Move and the European Commission start to work on a strategy to promote paperless transport, which is key to cross border shipments.

Other interesting insights last month came from the Air Cargo sector with the electronic Air Way Bill (AWB). "Lufthansa Cargo announced they will charge a fee for paper-based consignment notes as from 2 April, 2018. The "Paper AWB Fee" will amount to 12 EUR per consignment. In an introductory phase until 1 October, however, only a reduced amount of 1 EUR will be charged. As a result of the measure, the airline wishes to pass on the costs incurred in the processing of paper consignment notes and to force the use of the electronic consignment note (eAWB)."

The eECD project is very well positioned and can continue to surf on this new paperless logistics communication trend. While the concepts sound simple, it is paramount to have "end to end" market acceptance when launching the electronic ECD.

4. Project communication – FAQ list

In the previous Project communication letter, we promised to issue a first public eECD Frequently Asked Question List. You will find a first version attached.

In case you would have any imminent eECD project questions, please feel free to address them to peter.devos@ecta.com.