

Surface PG meeting 24/02/2022

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Agenda Item 1 Competition Statement

“Discussion at all BIFA meetings is confined to general industry/and or Association affairs. Persons chairing meeting, BIFA Secretariat Staff, or persons representing BIFA will not entertain discussion likely to contravene competition law, (including but not limited to pricing, discounts, price timing and other sensitive information)



Agenda Item 2:- Agree the Minutes of the 7th December 2021

- Does the meeting agree that the Minutes of the 7th December 2021 are an accurate reflection of the meeting?
- Any additional points to add?
- Is it in order for the Chair to sign the Minutes?
- Appointment of Vice Chair



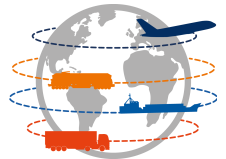
Agenda item 3:- Matters arising from the Minutes of the 7th December 2022

- There were no action points recorded in the Minutes
- National Apprentice Week 7-13th February



Agenda Item 4- Maritime sector – Member feedback

- Regular complaints during pandemic:-
 - Poor service
 - Surcharges
- From November 2021 reports of lines withdrawing named contract rates



Agenda Item 4- Maritime sector – Member feedback

Domestically:-

- BIFA wrote to Mr Robert Courts, Minister responsible for maritime
- Redirected to Competition and Markets Authority
 - Domestic politics- inflation etc directly linked to shipping lines
 - 18th February- CMA joined with regulators in US, Canada, Australia and NZ.
 - 21st February BIFA welcomes above in press release

Internationally:-

- FIATA and CLECAT are consulting with trade associations
- 18th February Clecat Press Release



Agenda Item 5-EU Exit impacts of changes implemented on 01/01/2022

- BIFA has carefully monitored situation, regular liaison with HMRC
- Main Issues:-
 - Compliance – Haulier and Ferry operator
 - Procedural –system is too “brittle”
 - Lack of implementation time
 - Lack of training
 - Specific issues relative to DEFRA



Agenda Item 5-EU Exit impacts of changes to be implemented on 01/07/2022

- Requirement to submit a Safety and Security Declaration (ENS)
- Full IPAFFS declaration
- More goods to report to an IBF



Agenda Item 6 EU Implementation of Mobility Package

- BIFA advised Members about the changes effective from 02/02/2022
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/declare-youre-transporting-goods-inside-the-eu-iceland-liechtenstein-and-norway>
- Implementation of the Mobility Package
 - Article 5(1) of the *Lex Specialis* introduces the joint liability of transport buyers in case of infringement to the posting rules by the road haulier
 - Contractual Terms to protect the freight forwarder



Agenda item 7 – Customs including CDS

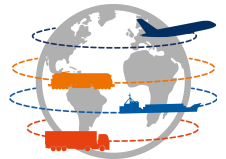
- An update by Steve Bartlett of the AFSS and Igor Popovics BIFA on the main customs changes.



Agenda item 8 – Dangerous Goods

BIFA note about the Chinese Customs Notice “**Announcement of the General Administration of Customs of China** Issue Date : 2021-04-14” deserves bringing re-stated. Following comment sums up the situation “I have a client who regularly ships to China and he has to check with his Chinese agent before every shipment in case the rules have changed”.

There is a notice from ONE consortia requiring non-DG batteries (i.e. the old fashioned disposable ni-cad/alkaline types) to be declared at time of booking because the line has decided they must be deck stow only. Problem – if they are not DG any article containing such batteries would be in scope, but how would the forwarder know?



Agenda item 9 – Regional Representatives

- A discussion within the Surface PG



Agenda item 10 – Any other business.

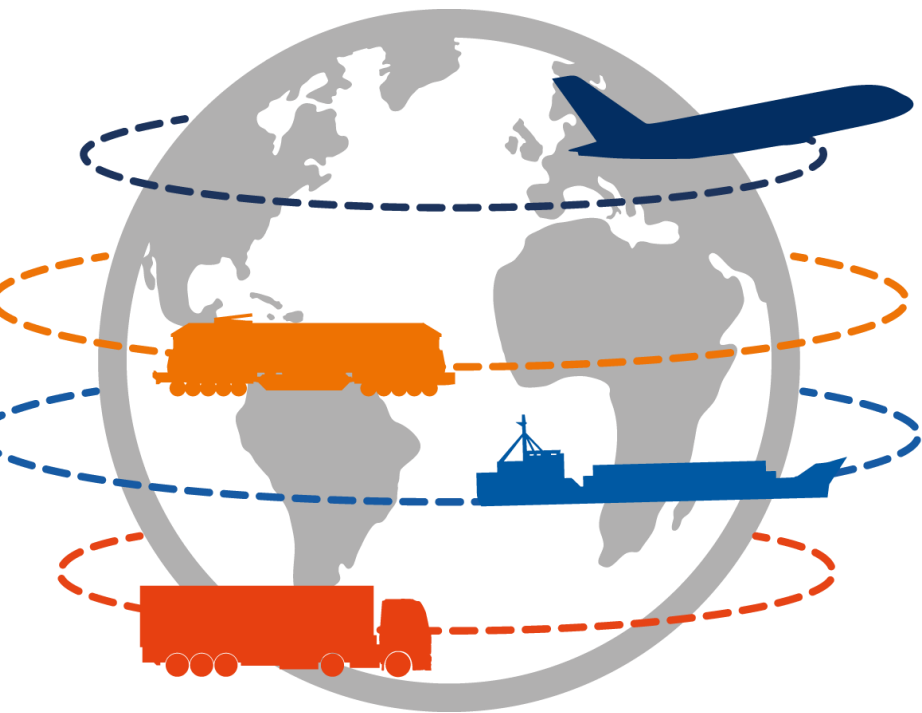
- Environmental issues:-
 - Decarbonisation
 - Reporting
 - Customer requirement



Agenda item 11 – Date of next meeting .

- The next meeting will be held on 22nd June





**Thank you
for attending**