

Minutes of a Meeting of the

SYDNEY PORTS CARGO FACILITATION COMMITTEE (No.07/2009)

First Floor Meeting Room of Moores Warehouse at Sydney Ports Corporation

Tuesday 21st July 2009 11:00am

PRESENT:

Mr Hart Krtschil	Chairman
Mr Elton McKay	Australian Federation of International Forwarders
Mr Lakhwinder Brar	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
Mr Steve Tonkin	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
Mr Mike Moylan	Australian Trucking Association NSW
Mr William Lovatt	Australian Trucking Association NSW
Mr Paul Zalai	Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia
Mr Jason Webb	DP World
Mr Claude Varnier	Patrick Port Logistics
Mr Nicholas Angelos	RailCorp
Mr Andrew Karas	Shipping Australia Limited
Mr Mark Deacon	Sydney Ports Corporation
Ms Vivian Juan-Vega	Sydney Ports Corporation

APOLOGIES:

Mr Brian Bourke	Australian Customs Service
Mr Craig McKay	Macarthur Intermodal Shipping Terminal (MIST)
Mr Glenn Wood	Maritime Union of Australia
Sgt Mark Crelley	NSW Police
Mr Mick Egan	Patrick Terminals
Mr Sam Crosby	Transport Workers Union
Ms Jenny Jones	Sydney Ports Corporation
Mr Lachlan Benson	Sydney Ports Corporation

1. APOLOGIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Apologies were accepted from Mr Bourke, Mr McKay, Mr Wood, Sgt Crelley, Mr Egan, Mr Crosby, Ms Jones and Mr Benson.

Mr Krtschil welcomed Mark Deacon, Senior Supply Chain Analyst, Sydney Ports, to the SPCFC meeting group.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of meeting No. 06/2009, held on Tuesday, 16th June 2009, were confirmed by the members.

3. MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Action Item 06/2009-01: Hart Krtschil to follow-up accountability and process methodology of cleaning containers prior to despatch by rail.

Mr Krtschil informed members the process and methodology of cleaning containers before despatching them by train is an issue to be discussed between the consignee and the rail operator. Further discussions between these two parties will be needed to be arranged.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Port Position

Ms Juan-Vega advised members that the monthly container throughput figure for June 2009 was 122,069 TEUs, 25,091 TEUs being empty and 96,978 TEUs full. This represents a variance of negative 27,535 TEUs from the same month of the previous year. Details as follows in below table:

June 2009	Import	Export	Total
Full	61,622	35,356	96,978
Empty	1,696	23,395	25,091
Total	63,318	58,751	122,069

Ms Juan-Vega also advised members a more comprehensive report on SPC statistical report for 2008/09 Financial Year can be found at the Sydney Ports website:

2008/09 Financial Year SPC Trade Stats:

http://www.sydneyports.com.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/10578/June_trade_stats_bulletin_2009.pdf

B. Port Developments

Ms Juan-Vega advised members it is expected that the works on the 204 counterfort casting units, which provides the foundations for the sea wall for the Port Botany Expansion project, will be finalised by first half of 2011 and be operational by late 2012.

Ms Juan-Vega advised the operator for the third terminal at Port Botany is expected to be announced by Sydney Ports by late August 2009.

Ms Juan-Vega also advised members that assessments for the Tenders for the construction of the Enfield Intermodal Terminal would finalise around October 2009, while the site's main infrastructure is scheduled to commence in early 2010 and be operational by late 2011.

Ms Juan-Vega informed members that the Wharf-8 cruise terminal would be operational by Sydney Ports until October 2010.

C. Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS)

Mr Brar informed members that 43,464 containers had been inspected for the month of June 2009, an increase of 2,085 containers from the previous month. The level of contamination rate (which necessitates off site cleaning of containers) remains less than 1%. Mr Tonkin indicated that AQIS was in the process of reviewing its external container inspection as well as other interception processes.

D. Australian Customs Service (ACS)

Members were informed that the Integrated Cargo System (ICS) Import Lines were at 65,316 in June 2009, an increase of 2,425 from the previous month.

The national on-time reporting performance was recorded at 93%. The on-time reporting performance for each state for June 2009 was recorded as follows:

- New South Wales 93%
- Victoria 93%
- Queensland 94%
- West Australia 97%
- South Australia 89%

More detailed information on the ACS statistics can be found attached to these minutes.

E. Industrial Issues

No industrial issues were raised by members for July 2009.

F. Road Transport

Mr Moylan indicated that some road operators were having trouble trying to access their preferred booking available time through the stevedores' booking system. This is causing some customers not being able to book time slots in the first available day.

Action Item 07/2009-01: Mr Webb and Mr Egan to provide feed-back to members on the time slot availability for road operators.

Mr Zalai informed members complaints have been received from customers on truck turn-around performance. No data on daily or monthly truck-turn around times have been received so far from Patrick Stevedore.

Action Item 07/2009-02: Mr Krtschil and Sydney Ports Corporation to approach Patrick stevedore to request regular data on truck turn-around times for circulation to all members.

G. Rail Transport

Mr Angelos provided members with the most updated RailCorp's major track possession's information that will impact Sydney Ports. Details of these possessions can be found attached to these minutes.

H. Port Security

Members agreed to take this item out of the SPCFC agenda.

I. Empty Container Parks

Mr Varnier advised members the overall empty container storage level for 20th July 2009 for all was at 63.3%. Also that there had been an addition in Parks capacity through POTA LINK and that there are 4,000 more 40's units, in the park, than this time last month and this time last year. Some shipping lines are discussing bringing in empty loaders and/or increasing tonnage. Further details on empty container storage levels for July 2009 are attached to these minutes.

Mr Krtschil informed members that the consultancy company GHD is currently doing an analytical study on the empty container park supply chain. Members hoped the information can be shared within the industry soon.

J. Electronic Cargo Release

No electronic cargo release issues were raised by members for July 2009.

K. Dangerous Goods

Members advised they are still interested in being briefed on the new category of dangerous goods (yellow line) to be applied in future in Sydney ports.

Action Item 07/2009-03: Discussion between Sydney Ports and SPCFC's members to agree on a date for a briefing on the new dangerous goods category.

L. Port Plan for Peak Periods

All topics to be discussed at the next Transport Workshop, which will be held on Tuesday 21st July 2009, from 12.20pm to 5.00pm, at the Portside Centre, level 6, 207 Kent Street.

5. REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No reports by committee members for July 2009.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business for July 2009.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Sydney Ports Cargo Facilitation Committee will be held on Tuesday, 18th August 2009. The Chairman closed the meeting at 12:00 pm.