

# NSW Ports Cargo Facilitation Committee



**NSW Ports**

**FINAL Minutes of a Meeting of the  
NSW PORTS CARGO FACILITATION COMMITTEE  
(No. 2/2015)**

**SICTL Terminal Training Room, Sirius Road, Port Botany  
Wednesday, 8 April, 2015  
(11:00-12:00Hrs)**

**PRESENT:**

Mr Adem Long	NSW Ports (Chair)
Mr Steve Gunn	Transport for NSW
Mr Hart Krtschil	Australian Industry Working Group on Biosecurity (AIWGB)
Mr Paul Downey	ATA NSW Container Sub Committee
Mr William Lovatt	ATA NSW Container Sub Committee
Mr Greg Baldock	SICTL
Mr Ben Hanley	DP World
Mr John Karamanis	Maritime Container Services (MSC)
Mr Nathan Mills	Maritime Container Services (MSC)
Mr Garry Douglas	1-Stop
Mr Tyron Rota	1-Stop
Mr Stuart McFarlane	Australian Federation of International Forwarders (AFIF) Ltd
Mr Andrew Karas	Shipping Australia Limited
Ms Megan White	CBFCA
Mr Dom Figliomeni	NSW Ports
Mr Anthony Tzaneros	Australian Container Freight Services (ACFS)
Mrs Sandra Spate	Minute taker

**APOLOGIES AND MEMBERSHIP**

Apologies were received from:

Mr David Scott	CBFCA
Ms Sue Tomic	Maritime Container Services (MCS)
Mr Brad Ellem	Patrick Logistics
Mr Christopher Hanlan	RMS
Ms Trish Grunert	RMS
Mr John Preston	ATA NSW Container Sub Committee
Mr David Wright	Maritime Container Services (MSC)
Mr Don Hughes	ACFS

**2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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- Hart K reported he has not received the finalised version of the minutes. Adem L reported this has now been emailed.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### Susan R to reply on how quarantine orders are applied and who enforces them.

- Adem L reported no reply has been received.
- Hart K reported the AIWGB has included the question in letters to the Department of Primary Industry and their reply has been that this is subject to further review. He suggested the broader question for the group is whether it is happy with Department of Agriculture processes. Are there ongoing inspections at the wharf heads or have operators been informed inspections have ceased? Carriers only have tailgate inspections 8am to 4 pm. Would it assist carriers if this could be 6am to 6pm? With people on the gate at terminals one day and not the next what is the position of containers subject to inspections? Where can containers which need inspection get this if not at the gate? There has been talk of moving to quarantine approved premises. Where is this going with risk management and what is the impact on operations of the Port? If there was to be one facility 24/7 for tailgates etc, can the Port then operate? He noted the AIWGB is looking at inspections at point of shipment for container hygiene instead of at discharge. There is discussion with New Zealand to lift this from the current 5% to 100%.
- Adem L has asked these questions and received no negative feedback. If there are issues stakeholders should raise them with Adem to be taken back to the Department of Agriculture or Hart can take issues to Canberra.
- Andrew K asked about gas inspections etc with the automation at Patricks.
- Greg B noted if inspections are not cleared live they have to wait to clear back at the office. He asked whether gas inspections could be sent to a central point rather than being held at terminals for inspection.
- Megan W reported members ringing with issues. Specific examples are sent to the Department of Agriculture and responses received to these.
- Hart K suggested more systemic issues also need consideration.
- Dom F suggested that if there are no particular issues for cargo owners or shippers the current process can be bedded down. One off issues are one off. If recurring

issues are identified this would suggest systemic issues and information should be provided to NSW Ports.

- Dom F asked if the CBFA can raise this with members at the next meeting of the Council, Megan W replied she will.

## 4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### a. NSW Port Update

- Adem L reported Patricks automated berths 7 and 8 are operational and berth 9 will be by Thursday. They have reached 160 lifts on average compared to 220 at Brisbane and are happy with progress.
- Paul D and William L reported issues overnight with one operator at Patricks all night for the whole terminal and long waits. William asked whether there could be adjustments in the number of slots till the new system is embedded.
- Steve G reported difficulties were due to one lighting strike which took out the Patrick terminal with a power surge causing systems problems. The terminal is now back to normal. There were operating 30 slots an hour and yesterday started 40 an hour for 7 days. They are hoping to speed up the process in five days.
- William requested fewer slots be given over the next 5 days.
- Paul D noted a couple large vessels in at Patrick compounding problems. He asked whether there is plan going forward for similar events.
- Adem L reported volumes through Port for March of 160,000 were 10% down on the same period last year but up 12% for February and up 3.8% overall for the year.

### b. CMCCs/ TfNSW Update

- Steve G reported a rail modal share of 14.8% on dock and 16.2% for the Port Botany precinct. This is better than previous years even with the Patrick shut down.
- There has been a meeting with operators and ARTC regarding performance to date regarding rail movements into and out of the Port and volumes carried by individual trains with a view to establishing voluntary benchmarks.
- Steve G reported that the Mandatory Standards final review and consultation ends in April with compilation in May.

### **c. Department of Agriculture**

- Hart K asked whether issues around the stink bugs impacted people at the meeting. There was general consensus it hadn't. Hart asked that he be informed if there are issues which aren't addressed.
- Dom F reported that at Port Kembla there are procedures to treat cargo for stink bugs from vessels from particular areas of the USA either on the vessel or before leaving Port.
- Ben H reported periodic checks being undertaken at DP World for Fire Ants but no further ants have been found.

### **d. Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS)**

No representatives were present.

### **e. Road Transport**

- Paul D reported the main issue continues to be with Empty Container Parks of trucks being told to leave the ranks and go elsewhere. Are parks full or do they not have enough machinery?
- Anthony T reported a meeting has been held to move cars parked in front of Sydney Buses to allow trucks to queue there. Stack runs have recently added to issues.
- William L asked that parks provide options if a slot is booked and they are told to go elsewhere. They could have two parks and so trucks can go to the other if one is full. The parks put out a contract that carriers had to sign. They had to cop it but NSW Ports has more influence. One issue is the duplication of costs if redirected. Another is shipping lines refusing the invoice for redirection bills. If trucks go to Qube and are then redirected to St Peters it can take an additional hour and a half with associated costs. Fees have been increased with no increase in productivity. What gives them the right to do that? William reported Andrew K gives the option of two depots, and if redirected gives 24 hours notice.
- Paul D reported ATA has gained no traction with Container Chain regarding fee charges when a driver turns up then has to cancel the booking. The issue needs to be addressed. A simple solution would be to allow them to edit their booking to transfer it e.g. if they turn up to Qube and are redirected to Tynes the booking can be edited so only one bill is issued. A lot of parks use Maximus but this doesn't interact with 1-Stop.
- Adem L reported the last fee rise was a park fee rise not Container Chain. Ports is not getting traction from ECPs regarding redirection. NSW Ports is trying to get

agreement around a voluntary system for redirection not becoming live till the following day. They would like to close it out this month. Ports has been trying sort the issue amicably since December. Parks control the system. He reported Container Chains are saying slots can be cancelled by email to avoid duplicate billing.

- Andrew K reported meetings have been held with parks to address the issue by a 24 hour delay in redirections becoming live.
- Hart K noted potential issues were flagged at this meeting initially with having two separate systems (1-Stop and Maximus).
- Dom F noted discussions will continue with TfNSW to review options and progress the issue.
- Nathan M said Container Chain builds the website. He suggested there must be a way to cancel the slot via the website. If they cancel a slot it is charged back to them monthly. There is a function via 1-Stop to send an email but there are advantages to Maximus.
- Adem L reported Container Chain say they can't build this into the website without time and resources. There is a process in place whereby if a cancellation is emailed immediately it is not billed.

#### **f. Rail Transport**

- John K reported MCS is going well. They are operating into DP World and had an adhoc service to Hutchison on 30th March. The next step is to run into Patrick.
- Steve G reported the first trial to Chullora will take place on Monday for a PN Port Shuttle service.

#### **g. Intermodal**

- Adem L reported that ACFS is operating an area at Enfield.
- Dom F asked for SICTL contacts post restructure. Greg B will provide contact details to NSW Ports.

#### **h. Empty Container Parks (ECPs)**

This was discussed earlier in the agenda.

#### **i. 30 Year Master Plan**

- Adem L reported positive feedback from stakeholders. This will be compiled by the end of June and the Master Plan will be released in July.

- Dom F reported most port users have provided feedback.

## **5. REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- Megan W reported NSW Ports sponsoring the CBFCA national conference at which they will deliver a presentation on the Master Plan.
- Ben H reported all well with DP World with 2 operational berths to the end of May.
- Greg B reported SICTL is ahead of schedule with block 4 handed over today and block 5 expected in two or three weeks.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Required Actions by next meeting**

- Carriers – to report back to NSW Ports any issues in regards to hours / inspections / tailgates – extending hours to 6pm from 4pm etc.
- CBFCA to ask their members for the same feedback.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>