

Minutes of the working group meeting held at the offices of the Wine and Spirit Trade Association, 39-45 Bermondsey Street, London, SE1 3XF on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at 10:30

### **Attendance**

#### **HM Revenue and Customs**

Samantha Gartside  
Vivian O'horo

#### **Trade**

John Corbet-Milward	WSTA
Philip Goodband	Constellation Europe, Consultant Master of Wine
Tristan Beckett	Constellation Europe
Nicola Bryant	Trans Ocean Distribution Ltd
Chris Brazier	E & J Gallo Winery Europe

#### **GS1**

Alice Mukaru	GS1 (UK)
Yuliya Shevchenko	GS1 (Global Office)
Michel van der Heijden	GS1 (Global Office)

### **Agenda Item 1: Chairman's opening remarks and introductions**

Following introductions, Philip Goodband opened the meeting by welcoming everyone before giving a brief outline of the last meeting minutes.

It was agreed by all that Samantha Gartside would act as Secretary during the working group meetings.

### **Agenda Items 2 & 3: Update from UK Customs on the WCO's 'Framework of Standards' and how the pilot project will fit in with the MASP & ITSW.**

Vivian O'horo provided an update on where the WCO are today and discussed the 'Framework of Standards' and how the pilot project would fit in with the MASP (Multi Annual Strategic Plan) and the ITSW (International Trade Single Window). The overall emphasis was on the securing and facilitating of trade.

*AP1. Vivian to forward the latest version of the MASP and TAXUD/1250 documents.*

*AP2. Vivian to document the MASP building blocks, with timescales, and forward to the working group. To include: What they are? What they mean? Timescales – by when?*

Michael Danet, CEO of the WCO, was very interested in this pilot project looking to publish an article in October's copy of the 'WCO News'.

UK Customs would continue to take the lead on this pilot initiative and encourage Australian Customs' participation.

Mr Bill Nolle of US Department Homeland Security advised the WCO at the June meeting of the Information Management Sub Committee that US trade bodies were also looking at utilising the UCR in a pilot project for trade between China and the USA.

**Agenda Item 4:      **Format of the SSCC bar code and its compatibility with the WCO's UCR.****

GS1 informed the group that the SSCC was represented in an EAN-128 symbol and was compatible with the recommendation. It would be unique for 10 years. The bar code would contain the country code, EAN.UCC Company prefix and a unique/serial reference.

Samantha Gartside mentioned that although the pilot was initially looking at basic consignment level we should also be considering the impact of the format of the SSCC on consolidations/de-consolidations/etc.

**Agenda Item 5:      **Audit traceability through the supply chain.****

The working group discussed the flow diagrams that had been developed and circulated prior to the 27 July meeting: 'As is' import and export activity and 'SSCC Pilot Suggested' import and export activity. Tristan Beckett was asked if he was happy with the suggested inclusion of the SSCC flows to which he agreed.

Excise Movement Control System (EMCS) was mentioned at this point and it was agreed that the EMCS system would not be included within the pilot at this stage. Future developments of the pilot would be looking to include provision for links to the EMCS system to extend the supply chain traceability to include electronic AAD's, as such HMRC Excise were advised of developments within the project.

**Agenda Item 6:      **Timescales to be agreed on the implementation of the Project****

HMRC informed the group that they should start implementing the SSCC as soon as possible due to the time taken for delivery through the supply chain. Tristan stated that his counterpart in Australia would be unable to start using the SSCC at this moment.

1 September 2006: SSCC Pilot to commence. Constellation Europe Ltd to start implementing the SSCC bar code for a period of one month. This trial will be for TOD shipments only.

*AP3: To consult with Diageo for possible implementation from mid August.*

At the end of November, beginning of December, Samantha would commence testing and analysing the SSCC through the supply chain.

January 2007: Interim findings/report to be prepared by UK Customs and discussed with all participants prior to presentation to the WCO mid January 2007; full report to be prepared end February/early March 2007.

*AP4: GS1 to create an e-room where documents/updates/findings can be posted for the working group.*

**Agenda Item 7:      Date of next meeting.**

The next working group meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November in the offices of GS1 UK, 10 Maltravers Street, London, WC2R 3BX.

**Update to above meeting.**

On the 16 August 2006 GS1 reported that they would be more than happy to take on the role of project management of this pilot, with WSTA remaining as the first point of contact with UK trade.