

Global Air Cargo Advisory Group (GACAG)

GACAG CUSTOMS AND TRADE FACILITATION TASK FORCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Objectives

1.1 The objective of the GACAG Customs and Trade Facilitation Task Force (GCTFTF) is to provide recommendations to the GACAG on industry positions related to air cargo customs and trade facilitation initiatives. As appropriate, recommendations will address short term issues. Also as appropriate, the GCTFTF will recommend practices that position the air cargo sector to address the medium and long term implications of customs and trade facilitation.

1.2 The recommendations from the GCTFTF will mainly focus on the following areas:

- a. Customs modernization;
- b. Customs automation;
- c. Customs advance data collection and targeting;
- d. Ongoing customs initiatives within the World Customs Organization;
- e. The World Trade Organization's negotiations on trade facilitation; and
- f. Ad hoc air cargo customs and trade facilitation issues.

1.3 The recommendations from the GCTFTF shall be aligned with and shall provide guidance on

- a. The GACAG industry positions;
- b. GACAG objectives for regulatory requirements; and
- c. Industry standards.

2. Composition

2.1 The GCTFTF shall consist of four Members, each being knowledgeable in air cargo customs and trade facilitation issues.

2.2 The GCTFTF will include one Member and one Alternate from each of the following organizations:

- a. Global Shippers Forum (GSF)
- b. International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)
- c. International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- d. The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA)

Alternates may participate in all GCTFTF activities but may only vote in the absence of the Member or Alternate by notifying TIACA which, as GACAG Secretariat, will maintain the GCTFTF roster.

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2.3 The GCTFTF may invite industry experts (e.g., Technical, Operational, and Legal) and regulators (e.g. WCO) to the meetings from time to time.

2.4 Other observers from industry stakeholders may attend the GCTFTF meetings upon concurrence of the Task Force Members.

3. Rules and Procedures

3.1 Meetings of the GCTFTF shall be conducted by regular teleconferences and, if required and directed by GACAG, one or two face-to-face meetings may be organized annually.

3.2 All meetings will be conducted in accordance with TIACA's Competition Law Guidelines.

3.3 The GCTFTF will provide recommendations to the GACAG and, as directed by GACAG, to recognized industry bodies, on industry positions related to customs and trade facilitation.

3.4 The GCTFTF recommendations will be based on broad consensus amongst its Members and recommendations must reflect support from stakeholders most affected.

3.5 Members of the GCTFTF shall not address the public on behalf of GACAG at any conferences or events unless agreed by the GACAG Steering Committee.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 Each Member of the GCTFTF shall participate in his or her capacity as a representative of the industry with relevant knowledge.

4.2 Members of the GCTFTF shall identify the required and/or necessary regulatory and business information needed to propose recommendations.

4.3 The GCTFTF shall consult with the relevant industry bodies when needed.

4.4 The GACAG Steering Committee shall appoint a Member of the GCTFTF as Chairman. TIACA will serve as Secretary for the teleconferences or the face-to-face meetings.

5. Deliverables

5.1 Within its first twelve months of operation, the GCTFTF will provide industry recommendations on advance data and targeting, ongoing WCO initiatives, the WTO trade facilitation negotiations, customs modernization and customs automation. Throughout its existence, it will continue to review and advise on

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these issues and, as directed by GACAG Steering Committee, to liaise with recognized industry bodies in this regard.

5.2 The GCTFTF will provide advice to the GACAG Steering Committee on additional customs and trade facilitation matters as noted in Section 1.2 above or as delegated to it by the GACAG Steering Committee.
