

Smart Containers need global data standards to thrive

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GS1 standards high level overview

ITEM DATA

LOCATION DATA





TRANSPORT EXECUTION

TRANSPORT PAYMENT

TRANSPORT PLANNING

SHIPMENT

Introduction UN/CEFACT



- Global standardisation organisation
- Subsidiary of intergovernmental body of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Decades of experience developing global standards
- Members are experts from intergovernmental organizations, individual countries' authorities and also from the business community
- Best known products are UN/EDIFACT EDI message standards used by many organizations all over the world
- There are many more



Smart Container – a Collaborative Effort



- Smart Container project combined expertise from many experts who are active in a wide range of standardisation organisations such as UN/CEFACT, GS1, IMO, BIC, ISO, WCO and IATA
- Contributions from well known organisations like FedEx, Hapag-Lloyd, Traxens, Nexxiot, GlobeTracker, Marine Traffic,
- Contributions also from representatives from cross border agencies e.g. Brazil, USA, Australia, Italy









Recent results:

Business Requirements Specification "Smart Containers" White Paper "Smart Containers"



What is this Smart Container BRS?



- A smart container is "a container equipped with an IoT" device.
- An IoT device in this context is any device that takes measurements that may be used determine the condition of the cargo or the environment around the cargo
- The BRS focusses on the intermodal container but the concepts and processes described will also largely apply for any type of container e.g. ULD in Air cargo
- The BRS describes 22 Use Cases that may benefit from using smart container standards
- The BRS is the basis for information exchange standards to be used for smart container data
- These future standards build on existing standards; some are indicated in the BRS, to be further defined in next step (Data Modelling).



Why should you care?



























- Containers are used to transport nearly every type of cargo.
- ALL industries that rely on transportation of physical goods, rely on containerized transportation somewhere in their Value Chain.
- Customer Experience is becoming more and more important in BOTH B2C AND B2B.
- You need to know where your Goods are and the condition that they are in.

Smart Containers are the answer



What are the smart container Use Cases?



- Asset management:
 Empty Gate In/Out; Depot reconciliation;
 Container daily status message; PTI on demand for reefer;
- Transportation Planning and execution ETA update; Actual executed Transit Time; Trip tracking inland haulage; Shipment identification; Intermodal transfer;
- Transport Execution Exceptions
 Schedule deviation alert; Unexpected door opening; Missing container on board vessel; Short-shipped container;
 Overlanded container;

- Cargo Condition monitoring
 Unexpected change in e.g. Temperature or
 Humidity; Unexpected container
 movement e.g. vibration or shock; Dry
 container temperature monitoring;
- Security, Compliance and Cross-Border Contract compliance container routing;
 Cross border fast lane enabling;
- Other
 Port infrastructure monitoring; Additional sensors ad-hoc or fixed



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Why adopt common global standards?



- Containers travel across global networks
- Global networks consist of large numbers of very diverse players

We need standards independent from solution provider, shipper, shipping line or any other stakeholder

- Common unambiguous identification keys across players eliminate confusion and need for remarking
- Common standards for "marking" the ID Keys enable easily reading the ID Key from the smart container
- Common Data Sharing standards ensure

easy access to information for all relevant stakeholders to enable situational awareness and data driven decision making



Conclusion



Global standards are a pre-condition to fully realizing benefits of Smart Containers

- Use the UN/CEFACT BRS when considering a smart container project
- Check UN/CEFACT and GS1 sites for further information on global standards that may be applicable in your project
- Experts from global standards organizations are keen to help you design and implement your smart container projects





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