

## Work Group 163: Supply Chain Reporting and Invoicing

### 6/24/14 Meeting Notes

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- The Initial Issues Grid v 2.0 was reviewed.
  - Last week a column was added to identify suppliers that contribute data to eDoc but are not the eDoc submitter.
  - Discussion: Did expanding the mail classes in Column B have an impact on Columns K and L, which may not be applicable to some Supply Chain parties?
  - For next week we will try to have better definitions for all of the Supply Chain parties on the Grid.
  - Discussion: For the Undocumented and Uniqueness scenarios, do we need to specify cases for Containers, Handling Unit, and Pieces?
  - A suggestion was made to compare the Issues Grid to the Invoicing Report to ensure all Supply Chain invoicing scenarios are accounted for.
- An example was presented to discuss an approach to Short-term solutions. The example described a By/For issue where an MSP provides data for another MSP but the data is not included in the eDoc upload. Suggestions for a Short Term solution:
  - 1.) Have an alternate data set available after the fact. There are similar ideas being discussed for Non-profit
  - 2.) Assign the responsible party and have them provide alternate data.
  - 3.) Obtain USPS agreement to consider identifying these issues as warnings (not errors) that are not subject to invoicing.

#### Comments:

- The USPS should not invoice until the mechanism to do so is correct.
- Propose postponement until a long-term, elegant solution can be implemented.
- Policy recommendations/decisions needed to be sent to Garret Hoyt in WG 143 and a larger audience.
- Before we go Long Term discussion:
  - Is the original definition of By/For still valid?
  - Proceed with any combination of short term solutions while long term in development.
  - More mailers would participate in USPS programs if short term solutions were viable while a long term solution is formulated.
- Potential Long Term Solutions
  - Additional By/For definitions for other parties in the Supply Chain.
  - USPS could identify systemic issues from analysis of eDoc.
    - Next week: Continue long term solution vs short term discussion , updated grid