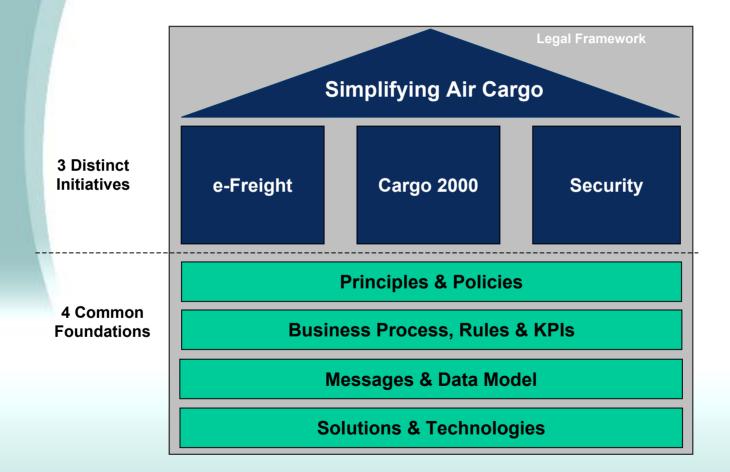


# **IATA e-freight Pilot**

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# What is e-freight

#### Target:

- Eliminate the need to produce and transport paper documents for air cargo shipments by moving to an industry-wide, simpler, electronic, paper-free environment
- Avoid cargo being stop in the absence of the physical document

#### Benefits:

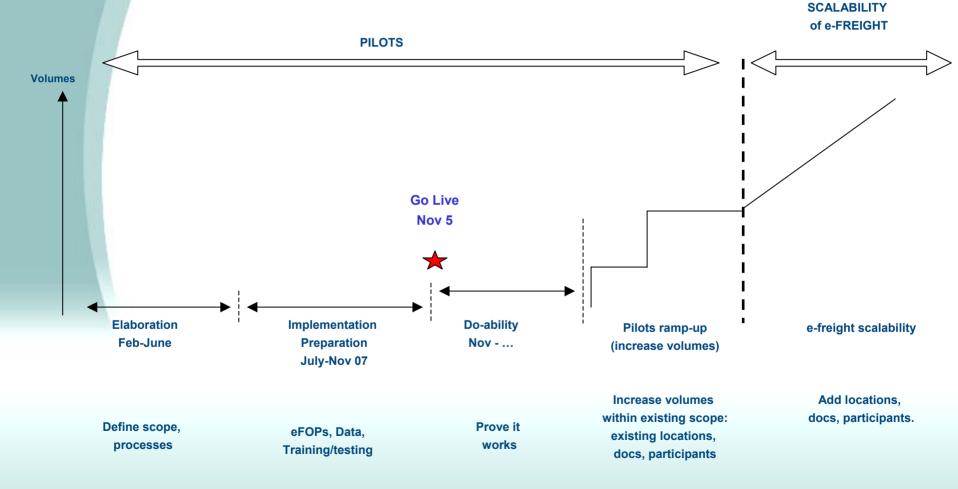
- □ *Shipper:* Expedited movement of goods, improved quality of service
- □ *Forwarder:* Process efficiency, reduced cost of compliance
- *Airline:* Process efficiency, cost reduction, improved competitiveness of air freight
- *Customs:* Faster, more accurate information for security screening & clearance

#### • Quick Facts:

- □ Average of 38 documents per shipment at a cost of US\$30
- □ Industry savings will be US\$1.2 billion per year when fully implemented
- □ Paper used in processing shipments every year could fill 39 747-400 freighters
- 20 years ago it took 6.5 days on average to send a shipment internationally, today it still takes 6.0 days



#### **Pilots overall timeline**



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# Scope of locations & stakeholders

- 5 key requirements for e-freight:
  - Legislation for electronic customs clearance
  - □ Technically feasible, i.e., customs systems
  - Business process
  - Legislation that supports paper-free commerce
  - □ Treaty compatibility on e-freight trade lanes



## Who is in the pilot ?

- Country/Area
  - Canada, Hong Kong, Netherlands, Singapore, Sweden, U.K.
- Carriers
  - □ AC, BA, CX, KL, MP, SK, SQ
- Freight Forwarders
  - DGF, K&N, Panalpina, Schenker, TMI, Jetspeed
- Trade lanes
  - □ Canada to Hong Kong, Netherlands, UK
  - □ Hong Kong to Canada, Netherlands, Singapore, Sweden and U.K.
  - □ Netherlands to Canada, Hong Kong and Singapore
  - □ Singapore to Hong Kong, Netherlands and U.K.
  - □ Sweden to Hong Kong
  - □ U.K. to Canada, Hong Kong and Singapore

## **Documents in Scope in the Pilot**

Existing Document	Pilot format
<b>Commercial invoice</b>	Digital (scan/imaging/fax)
Packing list	Digital (scan/imaging/fax)
Consol manifest	FHL
Master Airway bill	FWB
House Airway bill	FHL
Flight manifest	FFM



# IATA e-freight – e-FOP's

#### • What are e-FOP's?

 The Operational Procedures needed to be put in place by each participant Airline, Ground Handling Agent, and Freight Forwarder to ensure that e-freight shipments are processed correctly by their operatives

#### What are the inputs for e-FOP's?

- □ IATA e-freight final To-Be Process
- **□** Trade Lane intermediate e-freight To-Be Processes for the pilots
  - e-freight generic template e-FOP's
- □ Legislative, Trade Lane, Location and Participant operational necessities

#### • What are the outputs for e-FOP's?

• Organisation and Location specific Operational Procedures that are synchronised with: -

- Trading Partners within a location

- Trading Partners at each Trade Lane Origin / Destination

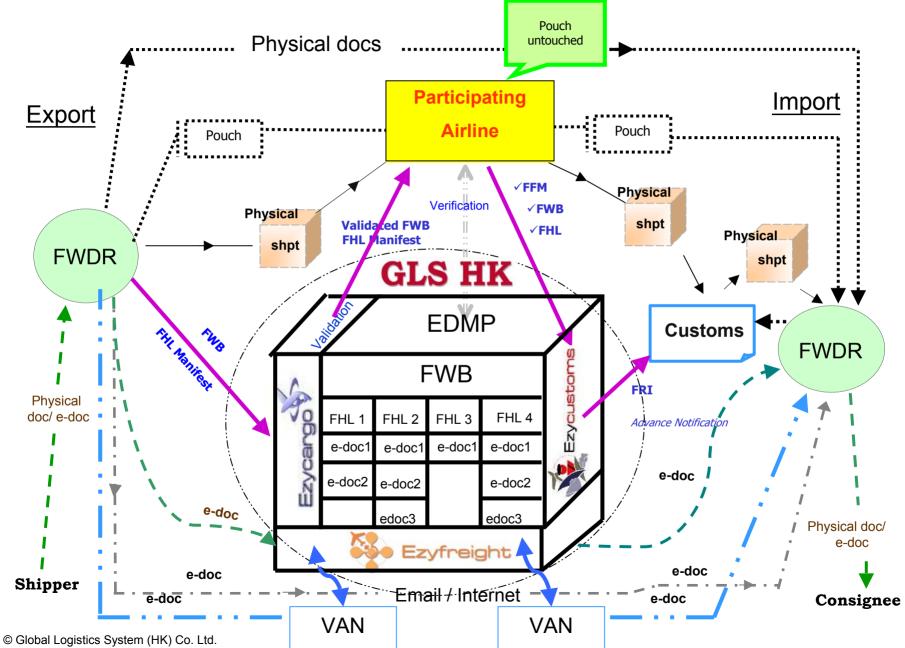
#### Organisation and Location specific Operational Procedures that can be used to educate all local operatives in the way that e-freight should be processed by them



## **CX** Approach

- Cargo 2000 process
- GLSHK is our CDMP
- CDMP is the document management systems to receive, store, distribute documents in electronic form.

#### e-freight Business Model





# **Moving Forward**

- Mandate for 2010 is <u>paper free</u> where legally feasible
- Process whereby airfreight supply chain does not transport paper in parallel with the freight where feasible
- May be a requirement to produce this paper locally in original, copy or printed e-document
- Scope includes both general and special freight, i.e., the documents within scope apply to both, but Other Government Authorities' documentation for special freight is not within scope



## **Documents in Scope**

House Airway Bill	Master Airway Bill
Commercial Invoice	Packing List
House Manifest	Flight/Cargo Manifest
Customs Release Export	<b>Customs Release Import</b>
Import Goods Declaration	Import Cargo Declaration
Export Goods Declaration	<b>Export Cargo Declaration</b>
Certificate of Origin	



## What is important to the airlines ?

## Remove the paper MAWB



## e-AWB Background

- As part of the e-freight pilots, the Air Waybill will not be transported anymore with the freight
- Signed paper Air Waybill will remain for Carriers &
  Freight Forwarders in the e-freight do-ability phase
- Carriers & Freight Forwarders are expecting the signed paper Air Waybill to be removed asap



## e-AWB Constraints

- The solution will have to meet legal, business and technical requirements
- On a legal standpoints the solution needs to meet the following regulations or resolutions
  - Montreal Convention 99
  - ✓ Montreal Protocol 4
  - ✓ ICAO Annex 9
  - ✓ IATA resolutions 600a, 600g, 600h, 660...
  - ✓ National, local,... legislations



# e-AWB High Level Solution – 3 steps approach

- Exchanging e-AWB
  - □ Freight Forwarder will send an Electronic Air Waybill to the Carrier
  - Carrier will send back an Electronic Air Waybill acceptance to the Freight Forwarder
- After the exchange of each e-AWB
  - Carrier and Freight Forwarder will archive electronically the Electronic Air Waybill and its acceptance
- Prior to the exchange of any e-AWB
  - Carrier and Freight Forwarder will sign an Electronic Data Interchange agreement with conditions of contract and archive it
  - Carrier and Freight Forwarder may have to update their Interline & Ground Handling Agent agreements and archive them



# e-AWB Step 1: Prior to the exchange of any e-AWB

- Carrier and Freight Forwarder will sign an Electronic Data Interchange agreement
  - □ Formalize air cargo contract of carriage by electronic means
  - Record the consent of the Freight Forwarder to establish an e-AWB to replace the paper means (as per IATA Resolution 600h)
  - Confirm that the Freight Forwarder has read and accepted Conditions of Contract (resolution 600bII) and General Conditions of Carriage for Cargo
- Carrier and Freight Forwarder will update their Interline & GHAs Agreements
  - □ Agree on the use of an e-AWB instead of the issuance of a paper AWB
- Carrier and Freight Forwarder will archive their EDI Agreements as well as their Interline and GHAs agreement (if needed)



### FWB Updates Background

- Best Practice (C2K) is to have only one FWB with no updates
- In reality manual updates to the paper Master Air Waybill happen
  - □ Multiple FWB messages are sent due to various errors
  - Changes are sometimes made after the Acceptance
- In the e-Freight context, as no paper MAWB will exist (e-AWB), FWB updates should be tolerated
  - In case of inconsistency with physical freight, Carrier could request Freight Forwarders the make FWB changes
  - Routes and contact details, Weight and number of pieces, Ratings and other charges are example of potential changes



### **FWB Updates FWB update Business Rules (1)**

- FWB update should be the exception as only one FWB should be sent
- "Freight on Hand" (FOH) message status should not be required except on some specific circumstances (i.e. HK, freight can be received before FWB)
- One complete and accurate FWB message should be sent by FF before presentation of the freight to the Carrier and before freight been accepted as Ready for Carriage Shipment
  - In some circumstances the GHA is acting on behalf of the FF and may send the FWB message after the freight being received by the GHA (not recommended as security & liability issues).



### **FWB Updates FWB update Business Rules (2)**

- Carrier should accept or not accept the content of the e-AWB (FWB) to the FF through an electronic "Message Acceptance" (FWB Acceptance)
  - ✓ Freight and information in sync. and freight properly packaged, labeled...
- In the case of non-acceptance it may be necessary to establish the final and agreed e-AWB through a subsequent exchange of information (FWB & FWB Acceptance)
- Carrier should provide, as soon as e-AWB (FWB) is accepted, a receipt for the Cargo (Ready for Carriage) to the FF
  - Investigation is being performed to know if "Message Acceptance" (FMA?) and "Ready For Carriage" (RCS) status message can be merged



### **FWB Updates FWB update Business Rules (3)**

- We recommend that after the freight has been accepted as Ready for Carriage Shipment by the Carrier no FWB updates should be sent
- Changes to Air Waybill charges after Carrier Acceptance must be done according to Cargo Charges Correction Advice (CCA) Procedures



# **Thank You!!**

