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**To: Association Members
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From: Daniel Bloch, Manager Airfreight Institute (AFI),
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Subject : E-AWB and Model agreement for EDI (IATA Recommended Practice 1670)

Circular

Dear Association Members,

FIATA supports the introduction of the e-AWB and encourages its members in countries where the e-AWB can be used (origin and destination country must have ratified Warsaw /YUL 4 or YUL99), to contact the airlines in order to switch from paper to electronic AWB as soon as feasible.

Prior to the implementation of the e-AWB, the intermediary must sign an e-AWB agreement with his airline business partner.

IATA and FIATA/AFI have agreed on a model agreement for electronic data interchange which has been published as a recommended practice (RP1670).

This agreement can be amended as per the needs and requirements of both parties.

This is a model agreement and we are not in a position to check applicable laws in all possible countries of the world.

FIATA does not take any legal responsibility whatsoever the consequences of signing the agreement.

In the view of AFI this is an agreement which is balanced and which takes the interests of both parties into account.

It must however be stressed that this is an agreement between individual carriers and individual forwarders.

Forwarders should have the terms of the agreement checked by their legal advisors before signing it.

Doc. AFI/338 Annex I and **Doc. AFI/338** Annex II are documents from IATA to raise awareness on the e-AWB (e-AWB Basics v1.0) and to answer frequently asked questions (e-AWB FAQ v.1.1.pdf).

AFI is requesting you to disseminate this information to your members and would appreciate to receive feedback about the progress of the e-AWB introduction in your countries.
