

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUB-COMMITTEE

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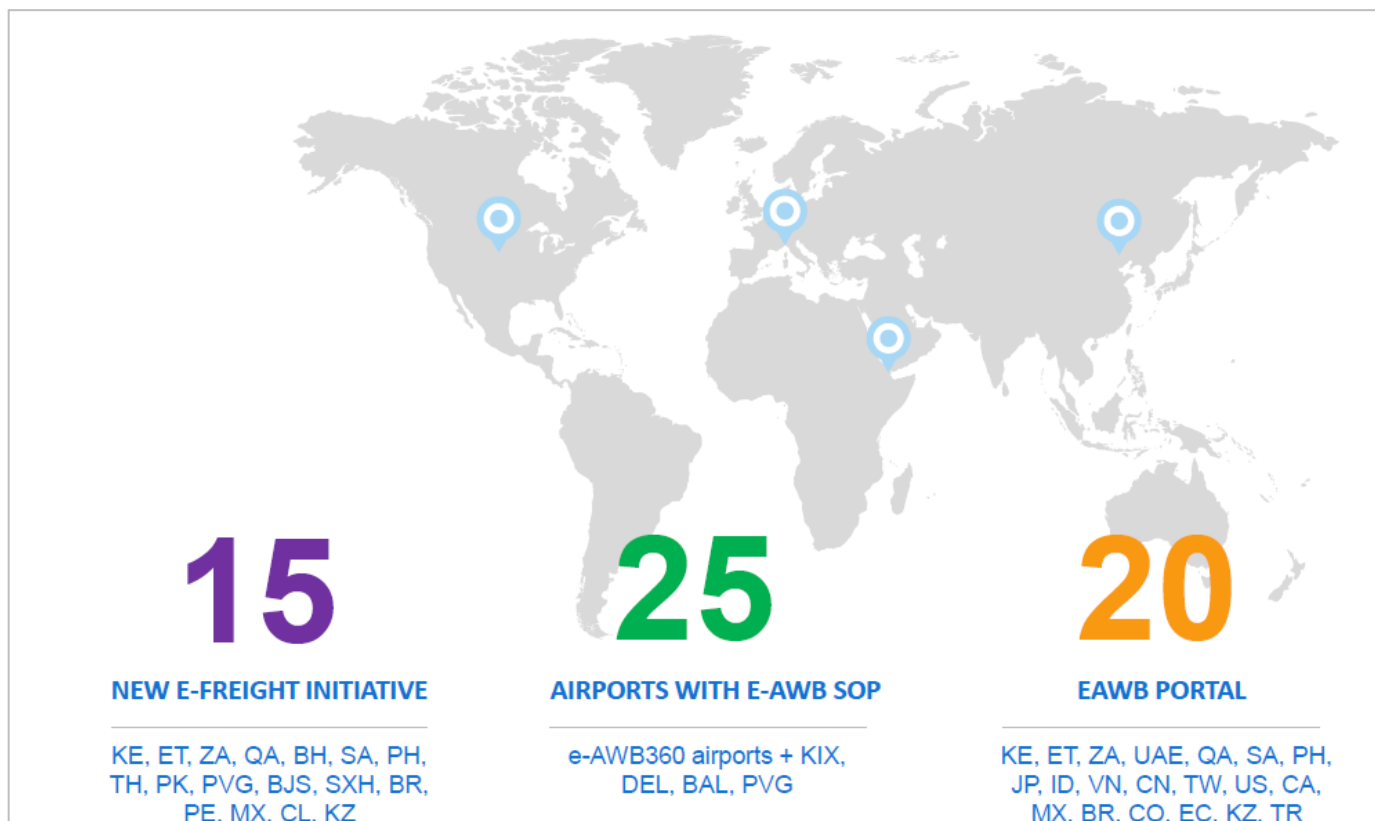
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IATA eAWBLink

As mentioned in the SME Development Sub-committee report, IATA launched “eAWB 360” campaign in 2016. 14 IATA member airlines signed up to the campaign with an aim to accelerate the adoption of e-AWB in Hong Kong. These 14 airlines include:

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| ➤ Air Canada | ➤ KLM |
| ➤ Air France | ➤ Korean Air |
| ➤ American Airlines | ➤ Lufthansa |
| ➤ Cathay Pacific | ➤ Qatar Airways |
| ➤ China Airlines | ➤ Saudi Arabian Airlines |
| ➤ Delta Air Lines | ➤ SWISS |
| ➤ Finnair | ➤ United Airlines |

They switched over to e-AWB as the preferred means of shipping cargo to all destinations by using the e-AWB Single Process at HKG airport from 01 June 2016 onwards.



Source: IATA

Given different carriers may use different platforms and the formats are all different resulting in more costs to comply, HAFFA brought out the need for IATA being an initiator to establish a common platform for e-AWB transmission.

Members may be aware that in late 2016, IATA has launched the eAWBLink, a low cost online tool that is designed to allow in particular SME forwarders to send and receive electronic shipment data (such as e-AWB). It is a web-based solution which freight forwarders can use to create, manage, and send e-AWBs etc. Connected to over 120 Airlines (http://www.haffa.com.hk/files/News/P2_IATA_eAWBLink_Carrier_List.XLSX), the key features of eAWBLink also include tracking shipment status, creating and managing AWB stock, and exporting AWB and HAWB data.



Source: IATA

However, the major deficiency of eAWBLink is: it DOES NOT have the key feature that can accommodate the CO-LOAD business which is very common in Hong Kong. HAFFA has reflected this concern to IATA head office and the IATA representative agreed to investigate and ensure progress was being made to resolve the issue.

Besides, freight forwarder needs to get consensus from airlines as to whether they accept messages via IATA eAWBLink in Hong Kong. Interested Members please remember to confirm with your airline partners first before subscribing the eAWBLink service.

More details about eAWBLink (including pricing scheme) are available at:
<http://www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/e/eawb/pages/eawblink.aspx/>

Should any Members be interested in subscribing the eAWBLink service, please contact Ms. Yvonne Ho of IATA (Tel: 2862 5932; email: hoy@iata.org) and Ms. Angie Lim of HAFFA (Tel: 2796 3121; email: angie@haffa.com.hk). In case of enthusiastic response, the Association may negotiate with IATA to strive for special discount for Members.

Trade Single Window 貿易單一窗口 (SW) - see under Logistics Policy Sub-Committee

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