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TESTING THE POSSIBILITY TO USE THE UN/CEFACT SEMANTIC STANDARDS AND MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT REFERENCE DATA MODEL (MMT RDM) TO CREATE AN INTEROPERABLE ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT EQUIVALENT

Goal - link developers of the international (UN) standards for multimodal data and document exchange in supply chains with practitioners digitalizing railway data and document exchange in the trans-Caspian (TRACECA) region



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Digitalization of multimodal data and document exchange in the supply chain

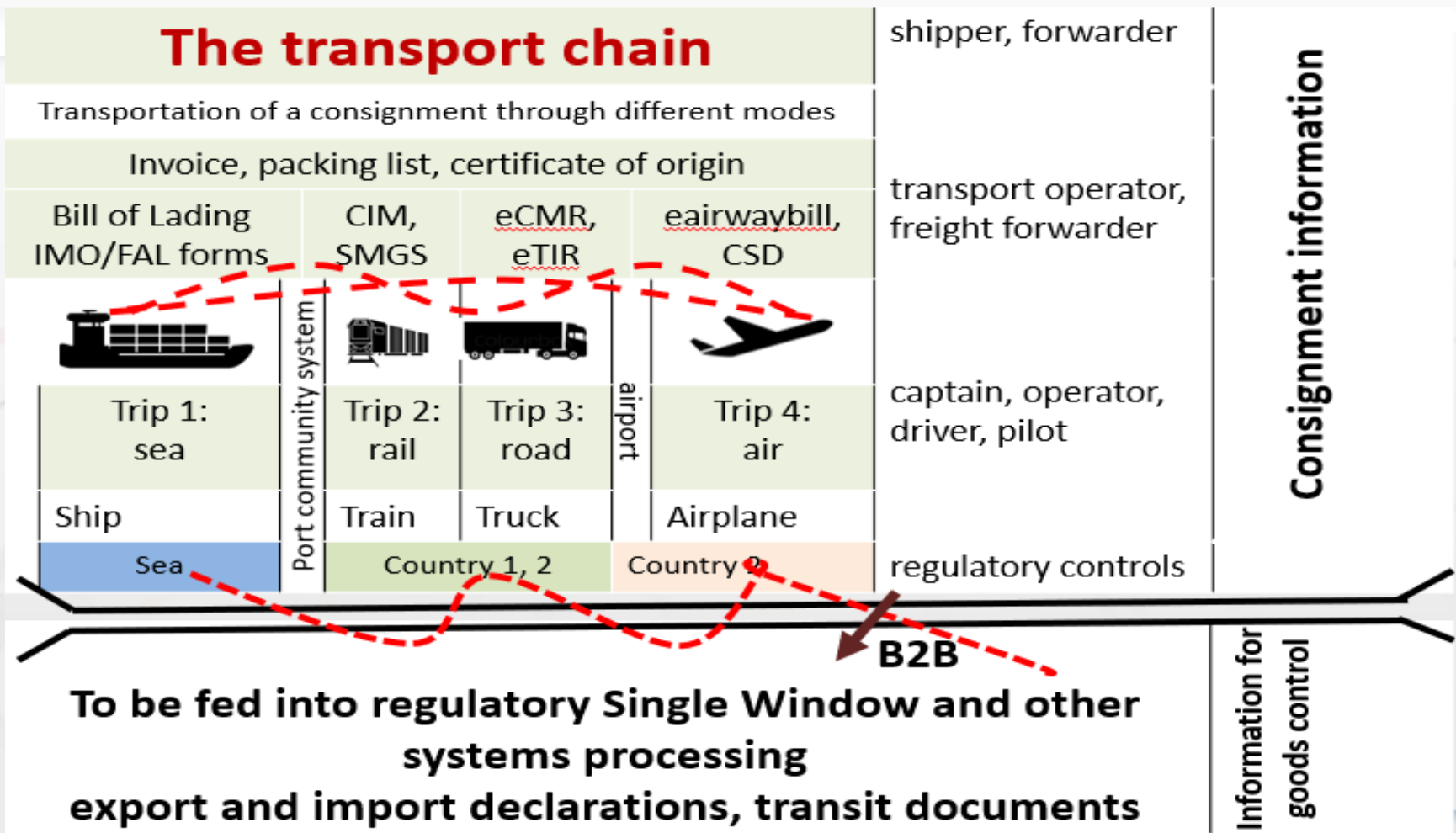
Problem: Fragmentation of digitalization efforts

Solution: UN/CEFACT semantic standards and reference data models

A family of RDMs, including UN/CEFACT Multimodal Transport Reference Data Model (MMT RDM) used as key semantic reference, including for the EU eFTI Regulation.

Foresight: World moves from (paper & digital) document exchange to exchange of datasets

Seamless multimodal supply chain



Upgrading existing and developing data exchange standards for key documents accompanying cargo in different modes of transport

Based on UN/CEFACT Multimodal Transport Reference Data Model

Pilot applications: e.g. in a digital multimodal transport corridor or documents (FIATA B/L, air cargo, IWT)

1. Standardized data exchanges (executive guide; business requirement specification; business name structure; subset; CCL structure; XLS guideline structure; XSD schema; UML diagram; HTML index, using as a model the e-CMR standard) www.unece.org/unecefact/mainstandards.html, already prepared for the following documents:

- eCMR
 - Cross Industry Invoice
 - Cross Industry Delivery
 - Cross Industry Catalogue
 - Cross Industry Quotation
 - Cross Industry Remittance Advice
 - Cross Industry Scheduling
 - Cross Industry Ordering Process
 - Material Safety Data Sheet Details (MSDS)
 - Contract Financial Execution Management
 - Market Research Information
 - Verified Gross Mass (VERMAS) documents
 - International Forwarding and Transfer documents
 - Smart container information
 - A number of agricultural certificates, accounting and other documents
- These standards you can find at www.unece.org/trade/unecefact/mainstandards.html

2. Standardized data exchanges published in October 2020, making information already in the MMT-RDM more easily discoverable

- Provisional booking
 - Firm booking
 - Booking confirmation
 - Shipping instructions
 - Waybill
 - Status report
 - Status request
 - Packing list
 - RASFF (Rapid Alert for Security of Food and Feed)
- (published at www.unttc.org and www.unece.org/trade/unecefact/mainstandards.html)

3. Standardized data exchanges to support cross-modal cargo transfers

- Inland water transport contract document: IWT “Bill of Lading”; CMNI consignment note; etc.
- Maritime waybill.
- CIM/SMGS and SMGS Consignment Note;
- CIM/SMGS Wagon List (+ Commercial Act, etc.)
- eCERT (sanitary-phytosanitary certificates and basis for other certificates): aligned to the Buy-Ship-Pay Reference Data Model

4. Air cargo and dangerous goods documents:

- **airwaybill,**
- **dangerous goods declaration, and**
- **consignment security declaration**

FIATA multimodal Bill of Lading +

Common foundation for all multimodal data & e-docs based on UN/CEFACT standards & reference data models – Stakeholder agencies retain control over their documents and legal frameworks. EU’s eFTI Regulation uses MMT RDM

Roadmap for information exchange digitalization in the Trans-Caspian Corridor using UN standards: background

SPECA countries DEMAND: process launched by the [International High-level Conference on Digital Transformation of Information Exchange in Supply Chains Using United Nations Standards](#), Baku, 31 Oct. 2022. recommended to:

- Strengthen training and CB for experts in the region on UN/CEFACT standards,
- Develop and implement pilot projects, e.g., in the trans-Caspian corridor,

SPECA [Ministerial Meeting](#) 17 April 2023 requested “UNECE to develop a Roadmap for digitalization of multimodal data and document exchange along the trans-Caspian transport corridor using relevant United Nations standards, including through realizing a regional pilot project for SPECA participating States”

[13th International UNECE “Odessa” seminar](#), 22 Dec.2022, recommended aligning data exchange with the UN/CEFACT Multimodal Transport Reference Data Model and the EU Electronic Freight Transport Information Regulation (eFTI)

In November 2023, Baku will host the SPECA Summit and Forum on turning SPECA into a connectivity hub with global outreach, using UN standards to adopt the Roadmap.

Recommendations for:

- Roadmap for digitalization of multimodal data and document exchange along the trans-Caspian transport corridor using relevant United Nations standards, and
- Pilot implementation projects, notably testing a digital CIM/SMGS CN

Pilot testing

e.g., the railway consignment note (CIM/SMGS) betw Europe & Asia

Interoperability of multimodal data exchange East Asia – Europe:



- **Regulatory framework: agreement**
- **EU eFTI Regulation uses UN/CEFACT MTM RDM for interoperability**
- **Technological neutrality: for EDI, XML, JSON API, blockchain**
- **All parties are invited to cooperate and use the standards**
- **Move from document exchange to data sharing (as in eFTI)**
- **Link to normative: eFTI & EU Customs Single Window Regulations:**
[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32020R1056;](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32020R1056)
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2399/oj>

Objectives of TRACECA project

- Develop prototype electronic CIM/SMGS railway consignment note to be tested in the trans-Caspian corridor.
- Follow up on requests of SPECA States (Joint SPECA Ministerial Statement, 17 April 2023) and countries in TRACECA pilot project (MoU from 22 May 2023 between railways of AZ, GE, KZ, TR & UA) on:
 - a) executing pilot projects to digitalize multimodal data and document exchange in the trans-Caspian corridor; and
 - b) development and use of electronic consignment notes aligned with the UN/CEFACT standards and artefacts.
- National railway agencies in the TRACECA project to contribute to the project. Should the prototype be a completely new solution or upgrading and integrating existing solutions for interaction and exchange of eCIM/SMGS between IT systems of railway agencies?

Details of implementation:

- 1. Define data structure for CIM/SMGS (& SMGS) consignment notes, aligned with UN/CEFACT naming and design rules, to provide basis for anyone to develop an electronic equivalent of the electronic consignment note, interoperable with other modes of transport and sectors in the supply chain (commercial and regulatory data exchanges). Notably:**
 - review the ready UN/CEFACT standards (business requirement specifications) and artefacts (data sets, structures, and schemas) for the CIM/SMGS and SMGS consignment notes,
 - receive guidance from UN/CEFACT experts on how to use the above,
 - Interact with the national railway agencies under the TRACECA MoU (AZ, GE, KZ, TR, and UA). The PS IGC of TRACECA to help obtain currently used IT solutions (XML schemas, UN/EDIFACT messages - IFTMIN) to be used,
 - exchange information on the advancement of work in this project with experts in Europe (RailData) and Europe and Asia (OSJD) on the digitalization of the railway consignment note.
- 2. Develop a “prototype” of an electronic equivalent of the CIM/SMGS and SMGS consignment notes that can be tested in the trans-Caspian corridor:**
 - technical specification, XML and/or JSON schemas, testable version agreed with the railways.
 - Can become basis for a system, and if an organization joins the system, it will follow the same structure, UN/CEFACT naming and design rules.
 - Provide possibility for conversion to paper (PDF) that can be printed, sealed and signed, if necessary.
 - Data in the electronic document equivalent will be mapped (and aligned, if necessary) to the UN/CEFACT semantic standards, artefacts, derived from the Multimodal Transport Reference Data Model, leaving a clear way for possible updates, as they come from the agencies working with the standards (UN/CEFACT, ERA, RailData, CIT, OSJD, OTIF, UIC).

Correspondence of datasets in OSJD, RailData, eFTI through reference to the UN/CEFACT MMT RDM

Technical specification of UN/CEFACT standard XML electronic message for SMGS Consignment Note

Element	Box No and name of SMGS Consignment Note	Number of iterations	Notes
SMGS Consignment Note			
1. Exchanged Document Context			
1.1. Transaction ID	Unique transaction identifier of the original document (message)	0..1	Service information, mandatory data UNB+UNOY:4+SENDER::HOST+RECEIVER::HOST+YYMMDD:HHMM+N1++IFTMIN_JD++++T' Transaction ID – unique transaction identifier of the original document (message)
1.2. Test Indicator	Verification identifier of the original document (message)	0..1	UNB+UNOY:4+SENDER::HOST+RECEIVER::HOST+YYMMDD:HHMM+N1++IFTMIN_JD++++T' Test Indicator – verification identifier of the original document (message): - «1», if data interchange is performed for test purposes and contains test data, not real data; - data element is not transmitted in case of real data interchange.
1.3. Transaction Processing Date Time	Date and time when the original document (message) was prepared	0..1	
1.3.1. DateTimeString	Date and date format when the original document (message) was prepared	1..1	UNB+UNOY:4+SENDER::HOST+RECEIVER::HOST+YYMMDD:HHMM+N1++IFTMIN_JD++++T' DateTimeString – date and time when the original document (message) was prepared (the point time of message being sent) A:format – attribute of data format (value: 203 –YYYYMMDDHHMM, where YYYY - year; MM - month; DD - day; HH - hour; MM – minutes)
2. Exchanged Document			
2.1. ID			
2.1. ID	Consignment number (29)	0..1	Consignment number, mandatory data BGM+Y+X+Z' ID = 8-digit numerical consignment number

Element	Box No and name of SMGS Consignment Note	Number of iterations	Notes
2.2. Type Code	Code indicating the type of consignment note blank form	0..1	Type code of consignment note blank form, mandatory data BGM+Y+X+Z' Type Code – type code of consignment note blank form (eventual values: 722 – type code of SMGS consignment note blank form; ZWB – type code of Reconsignment invoice sheet (duplicate copy) blank form) A:listID – attribute of data element indicating the code list (value = 1001) A:listAgencyID – attribute of organization responsible for code list maintaining (eventual values: 6 = UNECE if Type Code =722, 288 = OSJD if Type Code = ZWB) A:listName – attribute of document name indicating the qualifier and code list used in electronic data interchange for international railway freight communications on SMGS regulations (value: OSJD Leaflet O+P 944 if Type Code = ZWB)

1 Оригинал накладной (для получателя)

29 Отправка № 0651530

1 Отправитель: 1349
 АО „БАЛТИЙС ПЪРВЯЖИМА“
 Т-92126 КЛАЙВЕДА УЛ.С. ШИМКАУС 13

2 Станция отправления: 106101
 ДРАУТИСТЕ (ПОРТ, ЭКСП.) ЛТТ

4 Получатель: 3780
 ОАО "Гомельстекло"
 47045 Гомель, г.п. Костюковка Гомельская 25

5 Станция назначения: 155502
 КОСТЮКОВКА БЧ

8 Вagon превозван 9 Грузоёмкость: 10 Осн 11 Масса тара 12 Тип цистерны

6 Пограничные станции пересколов
 Квна (эксп.) 120202 ЛТТ

7 Вагон: 56507015 ООО "Рез-аген" БЧ

15 Наименование груза
 Вагоны железнодорожные, как транспортное средство перевозки грузов, имеющие более 2-х осей, дорожные, не поименованные особо ГИГ - 90270000 1717347 - 4710124

SMGS
 Consignor code
C.2

MMT
 Trade_Party. Identification. Identifier
PATH:BSP Master/Specified. Supply Chain_Consignment/ Consignor. Trade_Party/ Identification. Identifier

37 Накладная CIM/SMGS
 Original freight bill
 Frachtbrief CIM/SMGS

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3 2000436

4 9817

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7 15.01.2021

8 139603

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CIM/SMGS
 Consignor code
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1 To be completed by the consignor / À remplir par l'expéditeur

2 Mark the box applicable with a cross - Désigner par une croix ce qui convient (Green - Vert, 02, 22, 20, 52, 50)

30 CIM Consignment Note / Lettre de voiture CIM

31 Consignor (name, address) - Expéditeur (nom, adresse)

32 Signature

33 VAT no. / NF TVA

34 Consignee (name, address, country) / Destinataire (nom, adresse, pays)

35 VAT no. / NF TVA

36 Delivery point / Lieu de livraison

37 Station - Gare

38 Commercial specification - Code bis commercial

39 CUV Wagon Note / Lettre wagon CUV

40 Consignor's declarations / Déclarations de l'expéditeur

41 Consignor's reference - Référence expéditeur

42 Documents attached - Annexes

43 Acceptance of / Prise en charge

44 Point - Lieu

45 Wagon no. - Wagon NF

46 Station - Gare

47 Wagon no. - Wagon NF

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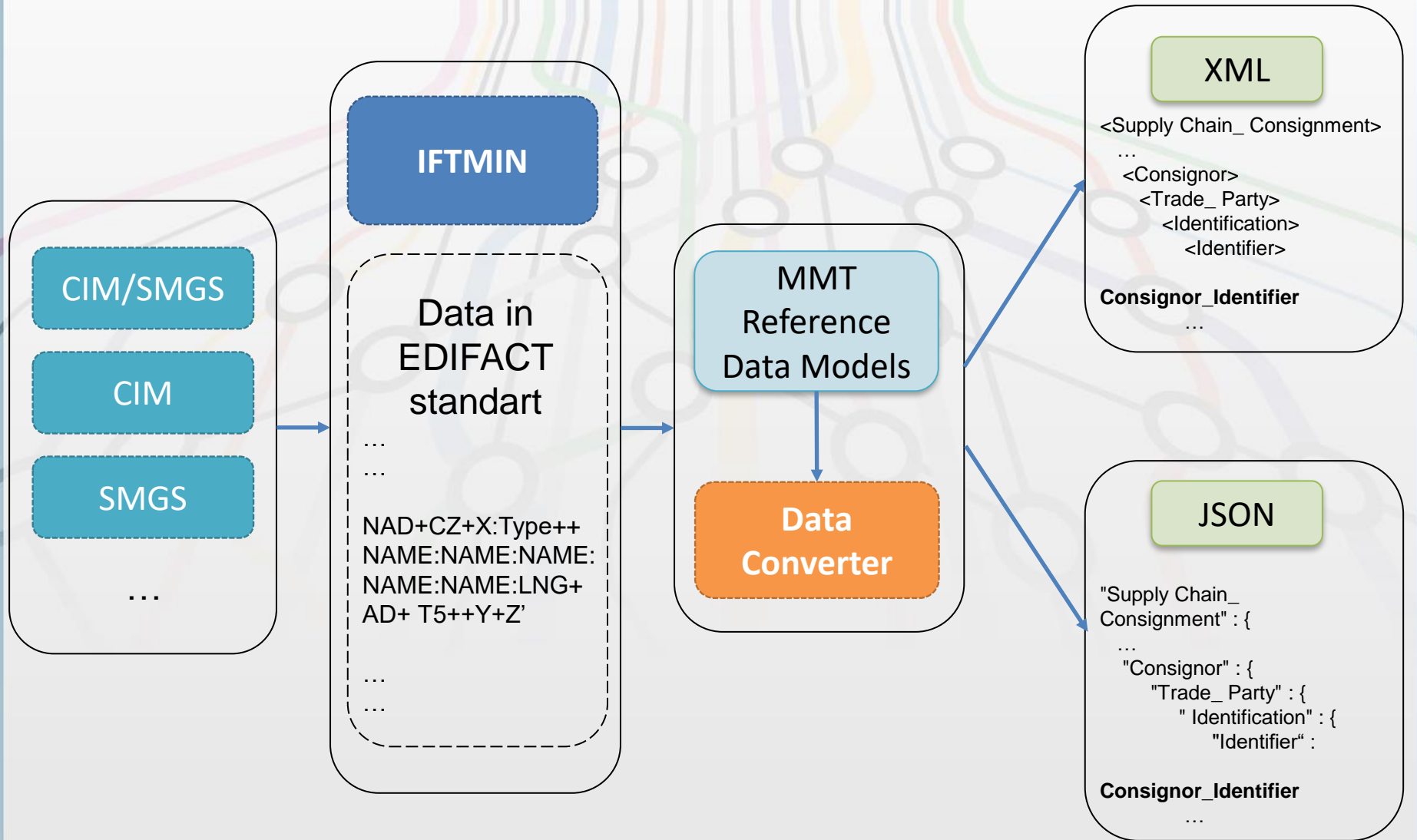
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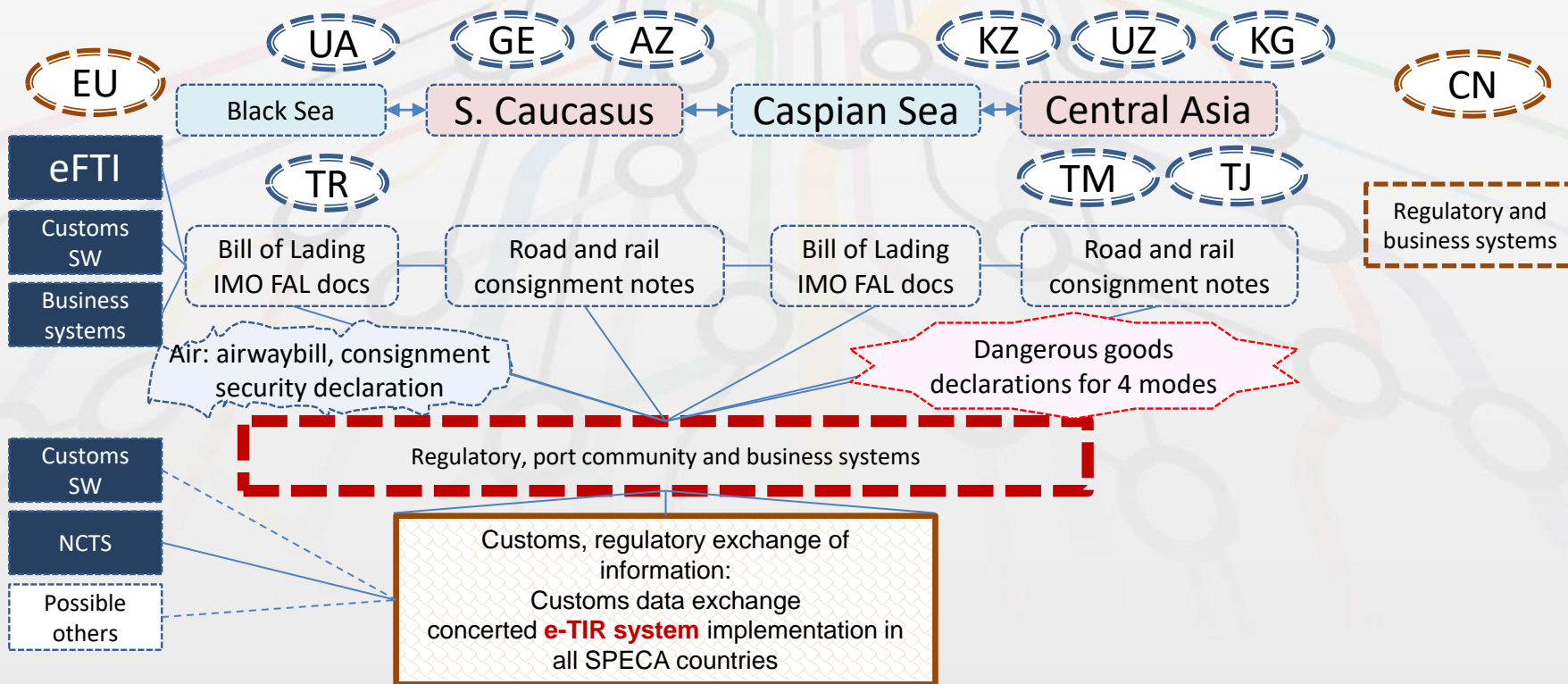
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Conceptual diagram for a converter between UN/EDIFACT messages (IFTMIN) and electronic consignment notes aligned with the UN/CEFACT Multimodal Transport Reference Data Model



Information chain in the Trans-Caspian route



Legal issues in multimodal digital transformation

- **Legal agreements to validate electronic exchange of data**
- **Legal recognition of electronic document equivalents and data sets, including admissibility to courts**
- **Identification, authentication and authorization; legal significance of e-docs and e-signatures**
- **Verifiable credentials**
- **Legal transformation in the transfer of goods from one mode of transport to another (e.g., between road, railway, and sea transport)**
- **Validity of data; legal aspects of changing individual data values in a data set, adding new data to a data set, change of data format or data structure**
- **Data protection**
- **Authority of regulatory or business entities to access and share data**
- **Data quality issues**
- **Liability issues (obligations and responsibilities of stakeholders)**
- **Arbitration and dispute resolution**
- **Electronic archiving**
- **Intellectual property rights and database ownership and processing**
- **Competition.**

Thanks!

Further Information

Standards and reports available on [UNTTC.org](http://unttc.org) project and UN/CEFACT pages.

On the project web site (unttc.org), we upload information on the standards and tools at <https://unttc.org/stream/electronic-trade-and-transport-documents-and-data>

A streamlined web presentation of the UN/CEFACT standards can be found at <https://unece.org/trade/uncefact/standards>

Information on the UN/CEFACT projects:

<https://uncefact.unece.org/display/uncefactpublic/Transport+Modal+Views+of+MMT>

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