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- MMT & SCRDM Reference Data Model Projects
- International Freight Forwarding BRS
- UN/CEFACT Modelling Methodology (UMM) v2.0
- UN/CEFACT Core Component Technical Specification v2.01 (CCS ISO15000-5)
- UN/CEFACT Core Component Library
- United Nations Trade Data Elements Directory 2005 (UNTDDED/ISO 7372)
- UN/CEFACT CCBDA (Core Component Business Document Assembly) Technical Specification

## 38 6 Objectives & Introduction

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40 The objective of this high-level BRS is to describe the requirements for a  
41 generic reference data model supporting the trade and transport-related  
42 processes involved in the cross border supply chain and covering at a high-  
43 level the involved business areas, the main parties and the information  
44 involved.

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46 This BRS, provides the framework for any cross-border transport-related  
47 business and government domains to specify their own specific information  
48 exchange requirements whilst complying with the overall processes and data  
49 structures.

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51 Derivative information exchange specifications will be able to be developed to  
52 support the requirements of conventional UN/CEFACT data exchange formats  
53 for UN aligned paper documents, UN/EDIFACT or UN/XML messages as well as  
54 information exchanges to support web-based processes such as those required  
55 for Single Windows implementations or data pipeline exchanges.

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57 The objective of this BRS is that it provides overall definitions and concepts  
58 related to cross-border supply chains in order that transport-related data  
59 exchange documents reusing and based on the adoption of these definitions  
60 and concepts can be integrated into software solutions for traders, carriers,  
61 freight forwarders, agents, banks, Customs and Other Governmental  
62 Authorities etc.

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64 The MMT reference data model project has taken a holistic approach to  
65 develop a reference data model based on the UN/CEFACT Core Component  
66 Library (CCL) which brings together the data exchange requirements of  
67 international multimodal transport processes including related trade, insurance,  
68 customs and other regulatory documentary requirements based on the  
69 integration of trade facilitation and e-Business best practices.

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71 The UN/CEFACT MMT Reference Data Model is a subset of the Buy/Ship/Pay  
72 Reference Data Model and a sister to the Supply Chain Reference Data Model  
73 (SCRDM) which is also a subset of the Buy/Ship/Pay Reference Data Model.  
74 The MMT and SCRDM Reference Data Models are closely aligned contextualised  
75 subsets of the Buy/Ship/Pay Reference Data Model.

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77 All UN/CEFACT Reference Data Models include support for CCBDA compliant  
78 data exchange document structures which will be developed in separate  
79 projects. Derivation from this reference data model by future projects will  
80 ensure that each resultant data document specification will be aligned with the  
81 definitions and concepts described in this BRS document. This will enable  
82 trading partners to choose the type of document technology that best meets  
83 their business requirements when implementing MMT CCBDA compliant data  
84 exchange message structures and also provide a migration path for the  
85 adoption of future technologies as needed.

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87 The UN/CEFACT MMT project is a cross-domain project which is a project of  
88 the Transport & Logistics Domain within the SHIP PDA.  
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## 90 7 Scope - Positioning MMT in relation to the 91 International Supply Chain Reference 92 Model

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94 This section describes the aspects of the international purchase and supply  
95 chain covered by the MMT project and relates them to the UN/CEFACT  
96 Reference Model of the International Supply Chain (ISCRM).

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98 The extent and limits of the business processes described in this document  
99 have been developed in such a way that it allows application of the MMT  
100 Business Standard for implementations of national, regional or modal specific  
101 cross-border scenarios. In addition, only the high-level process descriptions  
102 are described in this BRS in order that the detailed process analysis of the  
103 subset scenarios can provide the detailed process requirements in further  
104 subset Business Requirements Specifications (BRSs).

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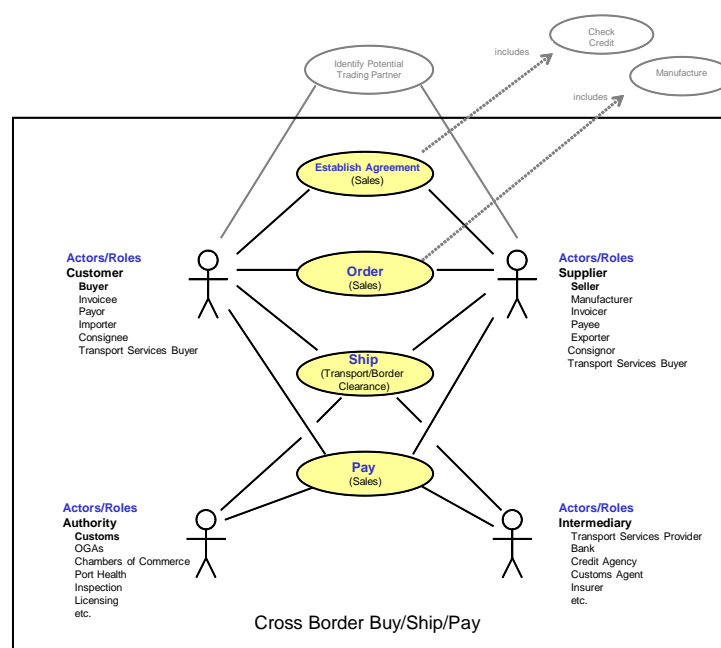
### 106 7.1 Scope Comparison

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108 The ISCRM Reference Model covers the processes following the recognition of  
109 need by a Customer for a product or service up until the fulfilment of an order  
110 by a Supplier and the resulting financial settlement. In addition to the business  
111 processes associated with cross-border trading it also incorporates the  
112 necessary logistical and cross-border regulatory activities which may be  
113 required by Intermediaries and Authorities.

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115 This is illustrated in the following use case diagram.



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*Figure1. Use case Diagram-International Supply Chain Model*

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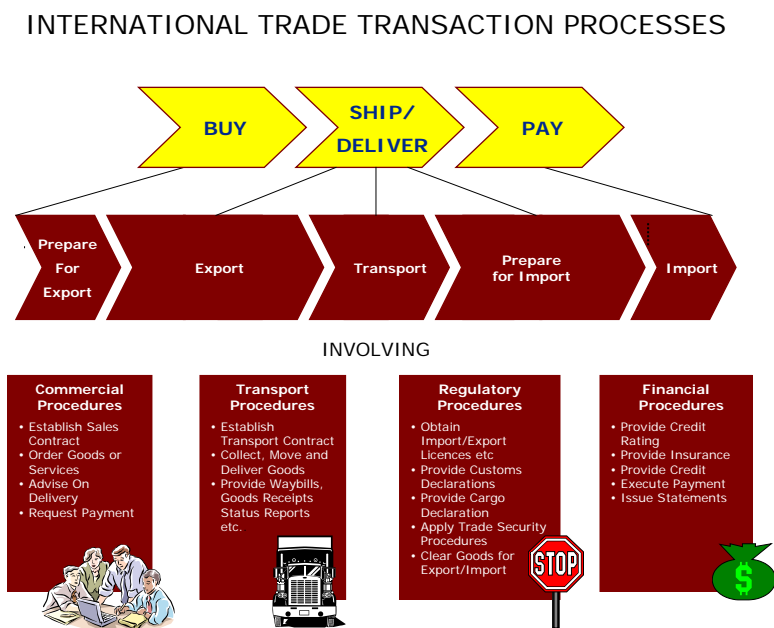
119 **7.2 Scenario introduction**

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121 The scope of the MMT project can be expressed as a subset of the scope of the  
 122 UN/CEFACT International Supply Chain Reference Model (ISCRM) covering the  
 123 transportation of goods and cross-border clearances through to freight  
 124 invoicing. However, not all aspects of these processes are covered in the initial  
 125 phase.

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127 The ISCRM covers processes in the four main business areas - Commercial,  
 128 Logistics, Regulatory and Financial as illustrated in Figures 2 and 3. The MMT  
 129 project supports the processes across the Logistics (Transport) and Regulatory  
 130 Areas plus related Commercial processes which are covered by the sister  
 131 SCRDM Overall BRS.



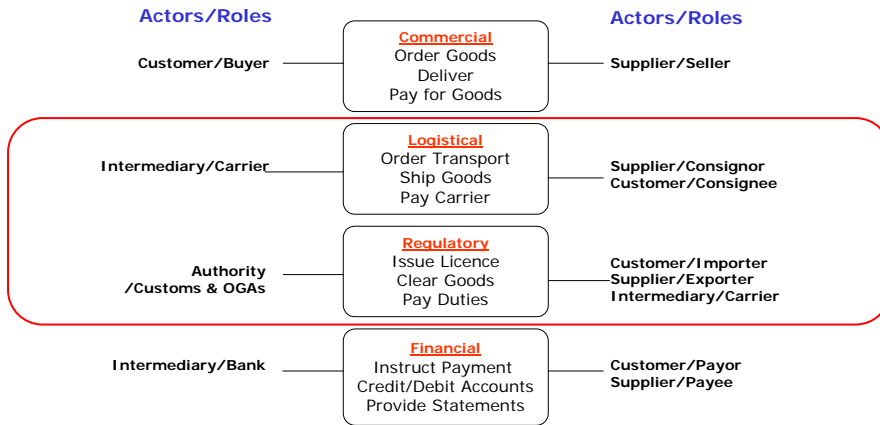
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*Figure 2. Business processes within the four main Business Areas*



International Supply Chain Processes and Procedures



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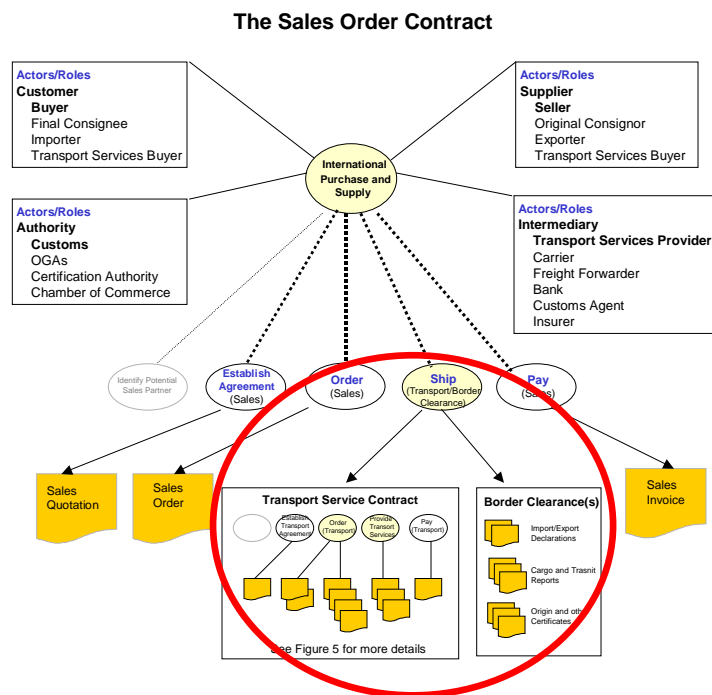
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Figure 3. Key Actors/Roles associated with the four main Business Areas

## 136 8 Business requirements

### 137 8.1 "Business requirements" views

138 As described in Section 4.2 above the MMT process scope may be viewed as  
 139 interrelated business areas representing Commercial Transport Contracts,  
 140 Operational Transport & Logistics, Regulatory and Border Clearance processes  
 141 together with the corresponding information used both within each business  
 142 area and which passes between them. The following two diagrams describe  
 143 these areas in terms of the key governing contracts – the Sales Order Contract  
 144 and the Transport Service Contract – and these diagrams also show the  
 145 relationships between the key process areas together with an indication of the  
 146 documentary requirements.



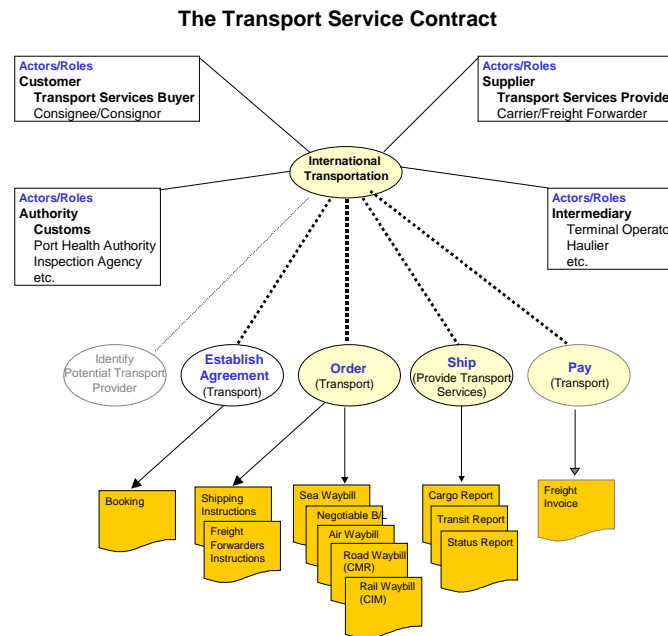
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148 *Figure 4. The Sales Order Contract view*

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150 Figure 4 shows that the Ship and its related Regulatory and Border Clearance  
 151 use cases are within the scope of MMT.

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*Figure 5. The Transport Service Contract view*

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156 Figure 5 shows that, for the Transport Services Contract, the Establish Business  
157 Agreement, Order, Ship and Pay use cases are within the scope of MMT.

158 However, only the booking process is included in the Establish Business  
159 Agreement use case and only invoicing is included within the Pay use case. The  
160 MMT scope therefore includes the transport booking, transport ordering and  
161 freight invoicing processes together with the actual transportation and the  
162 required border clearance processes.

### 163 8.1.1 Commercial Processes

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Covers:

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- Issuing of Quotation (out of scope of MMT),
- Confirmation of Sales Order (out of scope of MMT),
- Issuing of Despatch Advice and Packing List (out of scope of MMT),
- Sales Invoicing (out of scope of MMT),

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### 170 8.1.2 Logistical (Transport) Processes

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Covers:

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- Booking of Cargo Space,
- Issuing of Shipping Instructions,
- Issuing of Transport Contract Document (AirWaybill, etc.),
- Transportation of Goods,
- Requesting and Issuing of Transport Status Reports, Smart Container Device reporting etc.
- Pipeline input data exchanges
- Freight Invoicing

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### 181 8.1.3 Regulatory Processes

182 Covers reporting to Customs or appropriate Other Governmental Agencies:

- 183 • Import/Export Declarations,
- 184 • Cargo and Transit Reports,
- 185 • Cross-border Regulatory Data Pipeline
- 186 • Certificates of Origin,
- 187 • Phytosanitary Certificates,
- 188 • Dangerous Goods Declarations including OECD Hazardous Waste
- 189 notifications
- 190 • Pipeline output data exchanges
- 191 • etc.

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### 193 8.1.4 Financial Processes

194 Covers:

- 195 • Documentary Credit procedures (out of scope of MMT),
- 196 • Cargo Insurance

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## 198 8.2 Participating Parties

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200 There are potentially many parties participating in the cross-border  
 201 international supply chain. The key parties within sales order and transport  
 202 service contracts and their relationships are indicated in the table below:

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#### Trade/Transport/Customs Party Roles

Sales Order Contract	Transport Service Contract	Definition
Seller	Original Consignor/Original Shipper	The party selling goods or services as stipulated in a Sales Order Contract.
Buyer	Final Consignee/Ultimate Consignee	The party to whom goods are sold services as stipulated in a Sales Order Contract.
	Transport Services Buyer (Consignor or Consignee)	The buyer of transport services as stipulated in a Transport Service Contract.
	Transport Services Provider (Carrier or Freight Forwarder)	The provider i.e. seller of transport services as stipulated in a Transport Service Contract.
	Consignor	The party consigning goods as stipulated in a Transport Service Contract.
	Consignee	The party receiving a consignment of goods as stipulated in a Transport Service Contract.
	Carrier	The party which provides transport services.
	Freight Forwarder	The party undertaking the forwarding of goods by provision of transport, logistics, associated formalities services etc.
	Despatch Party	The party where goods are collected or taken over by the transport services provider. Operational term is 'Pick-up Place'.
	Delivery Party	The party to which goods should be

		delivered by the transport services provider. Operational term is 'Place of Positioning'.
Ship From	Original Despatch Party	The party from whom goods will be or have been originally shipped.
Ship To	Final Delivery Party/Ultimate Delivery Party	The party to whom goods will be or have been ultimately shipped.

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**Buyer**

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The party stipulated as the party to whom goods or services are sold. The primary role of the Customer as specified in a Sales Order Contract is the **Buyer** and other possible roles include the Final/Ultimate Consignee, Transport Services Buyer, Importer and Invoicee.

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**Importer**

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The party who makes, or on whose behalf a Customs clearing agent or other authorized person makes, an import declaration. This may include a person who has possession of the goods or to whom the goods are consigned.

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**Invoicee**

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The party to whom an invoice is issued.

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**Seller**

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The party stipulated as the supplier of goods or services. The primary role of the Supplier as specified in the Sales Order Contract is the Seller and other possible roles include the Original Consignor/Shipper, Transport Services Buyer, Exporter, and Invoice Issuer.

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**Transport Service Buyer**

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The party stipulated as the buyer of transport services in a Transport Service Contract. The Transport Service Buyer role may be performed by either the Consignor or the Consignee depending on the Terms of Delivery specified in the associated Sales Order Contract.

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**Exporter**

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The party who makes, or on whose behalf the export declaration is made, and who is the owner of the goods or has similar rights of disposal over them at the time when the declaration is accepted.

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**Invoice issuer**

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The party who issues an invoice.

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**Intermediary**

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Within the international purchase and supply chain, an Intermediary can be any party who provides services to support either the Sales Order Contract or the Transport Service Contract. The possible roles of an Intermediary include the Transport Service Provider (e.g. Carrier, Freight Forwarder), Financial Institution or Customs Agent etc.

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**Authority**

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An Authority provides authorisation associated with any conventions or regulations applicable to the trading of goods within the international purchase

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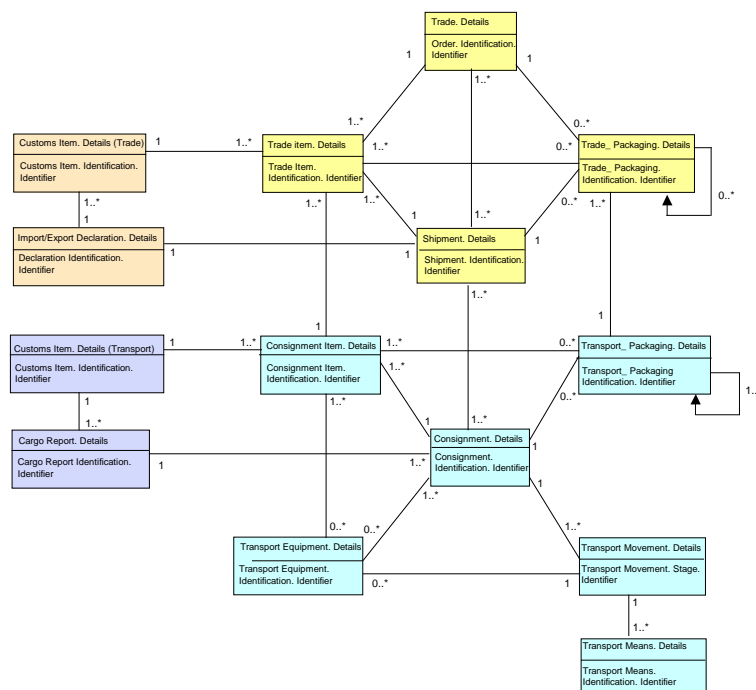
252 and supply chain. The possible roles of an Authority include border control  
 253 authorities (e.g. Customs), permit/licensing issuing authorities and port  
 254 authorities etc.

255 **8.3 Business Entities and Business Rules**

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 257 Throughout the international purchase and supply chain various types of  
 258 information are exchanged. As explained above, the UN/CEFACT Buy/Ship/Pay  
 259 Reference Data Model provides a cross-domain framework for the derivation of  
 260 generic documents for the exchange of information between the Customers,  
 261 Suppliers, Intermediaries and Authorities no matter which countries or modes  
 262 of transport may be involved. It is very important therefore, that the  
 263 Buy/Ship/Pay, SCRDM and MMT reference data models use common generic  
 264 terms for the involved parties and for the business information entities  
 265 contained within it.

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 267 The MMT CCTS Data Modelling includes full referencing between its business  
 268 information entities and the UNTDED v 2005 (United Trade Data Elements  
 269 Directory).

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 271 The following diagram and accompanying text describe the relationships  
 272 between the highest-level Business Information Entities reused across the  
 273 UN/CEFACT Buy/Ship/Pay, SCRDM and MMT Reference Data Models.



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276 *Figure 6. High-Level Entity Relationships*

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**Sales Order**

280 A sales order is a contractual document by means of which a buyer initiates a  
281 transaction with a seller involving the supply of goods or services as specified,  
282 according to conditions which are either set out in a formal quotation or  
283 otherwise known to the buyer. The information included in the cross-border  
284 Order document covers the commercial information between the Buyer and the  
285 Seller relating to the Sales Order and also the additional transport and  
286 regulatory information required by intermediaries and authorities.

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- 288 • A Sales Order can only have one Buyer
- 289 • A Sales Order can only have one Seller
- 290 • A Sales Order is made up of one or more Trade Items

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### 292 **Trade Item**

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294 A Trade Item describes the lowest level of "commercial" information in a Sales  
295 Order between the Buyer and the Seller. Each Trade Item will usually be  
296 associated with a particular product and will include details such as product  
297 code, quantity and unit price etc. In the case of cross-border orders each  
298 product will also have an associated Customs tariff code.

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- 300 • A single Trade Item cannot be split across Shipments
- 301 • Trade Items are aggregated by Tariff Code/Packaging into Consignment  
302 Items

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### 304 **Shipment**

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306 A shipment is an identifiable collection of one or more Trade Items (available  
307 to be) transported together from the Seller (Original Consignor/Shipper), to the  
308 Buyer (Final/Ultimate Consignee).

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- 310 • A Shipment can only be destined for one Buyer
- 311 • A Shipment can be made up of some or all Trade Items from one or more  
312 Sales Orders
- 313 • A Shipment can have only one Customs UCR
- 314 • A shipment may form part or all of a Consignment or may be transported  
315 in different Consignments.

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### 317 **Consignment (Transport Service Order)**

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319 A consignment is a separately identifiable collection of Consignment Items  
320 (available to be) transported from one Consignor to one Consignee via one or  
321 more modes of transport as specified in one single transport service  
322 contractual document.

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- 324 • A Consignment can only have one Transport Service Buyer
- 325 • A Consignment can only have one Transport Service Provider
- 326 • A Consignment can only have one Consignor
- 327 • A Consignment can only have one Consignee
- 328 • The Transport Service Buyer can be either the Consignor or the  
329 Consignee
- 330 • A Consignment is made up of one or more Consignment Items

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- A Consignment can be made up of some or all Trade Items (aggregated into Consignment Items) from one or more Shipments
  - A Consignment is made up of one or more Customs Items for reporting to Customs
  - A Consignment can have one or more Customs UCRs

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### **Consignment Item**

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A separately identifiable quantity of products grouped together by Customs tariff code or packaging for transport purposes. A Consignment Item is the lowest level of information within a Consignment. In the case of cross-border consignments each Consignment Item must have only one associated Customs tariff code in order to satisfy Customs requirements.

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- A Consignment Item can contain one or more Trade Items
- A Consignment Item can only have one associated Customs tariff code

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### **Import/Export Customs Declaration**

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Documents by which consignments of goods are declared for either export or import Customs clearance, conforming to the layout key set out at Appendix I to Annex C.1 concerning outright exportation to the Kyoto convention (WCO). A Customs tariff code must be provided for each Consignment Item within a consignment. The Customs tariff code, also known as the commodity code, specifies the goods classification under the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System of the World Customs Organisation (WCO).

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- An Export or Import Declaration can contain one or more Customs Items
- An Export or Import Declaration can have only one UCR

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### **Customs Item**

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A Customs Item is a Consignment Item, a Trade Item or an aggregation of Consignment or Trade Items with distinct Customs tariff code for reporting to Customs.

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- A Customs Item can only have one associated Customs tariff code
- A Customs Item can refer to one or more Trade Items
- Each reported Consignment may contain one or more separately reported Customs Items

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### **Customs Cargo Report**

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Documents by which movements of goods are reported to Customs at a place of export, import or transit.

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- A Customs Cargo Report reports on one Transport Movement of goods
- A Customs Cargo Report reports on one or more Consignments

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