Message Modifications: Approved Revision Process
PNRGOV

Version 12.1

(following the approval by the WCO/IATA/ICAO API Contact Committee)

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11.1	Initial Publication of document. Numbering corresponds to EDIFACT version message it is based upon.	M. Zitkova	25 Jul 11
12.1	Changed the version number to match the new release of the Implementation Guide	M. Zitkova	30 Jul 12
12.1	Removed IATA branding to prepare for a publication by the members of the WCO/IATA/ICAO API CC	M. Zitkova	22Nov12

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Under an agreement between IATA and the World Customs Organization (WCO), maintenance of the PNRGOV message format, and control over the authorization of modifications to that message structure, will be assumed by the WCO. Coordination of actual amendments of the message structure itself will fall under the remit of the WCO/IATA/ICAO API Contact Committee, which meets normally once or twice per year.

The API Contact Committee comprises of representatives from the US, the UK, Canada, the Netherlands, ICAO and IATA, as well as interested States.

PNRGOV is not a UN/CEFACT approved message. Instead, the PNRGOV EDIFACT message is designed based on the IATA PADIS Message Standard Directory and its associated code sets in accordance with ISO 9735 syntax rules and UN/EDIFACT interactive message design rules. As a result, IATA PADIS will administer the physical message modification process itself, in accordance with the WCO DMR approval process and based upon the WCO/IATA/ICAO API Contact Committee's direction.
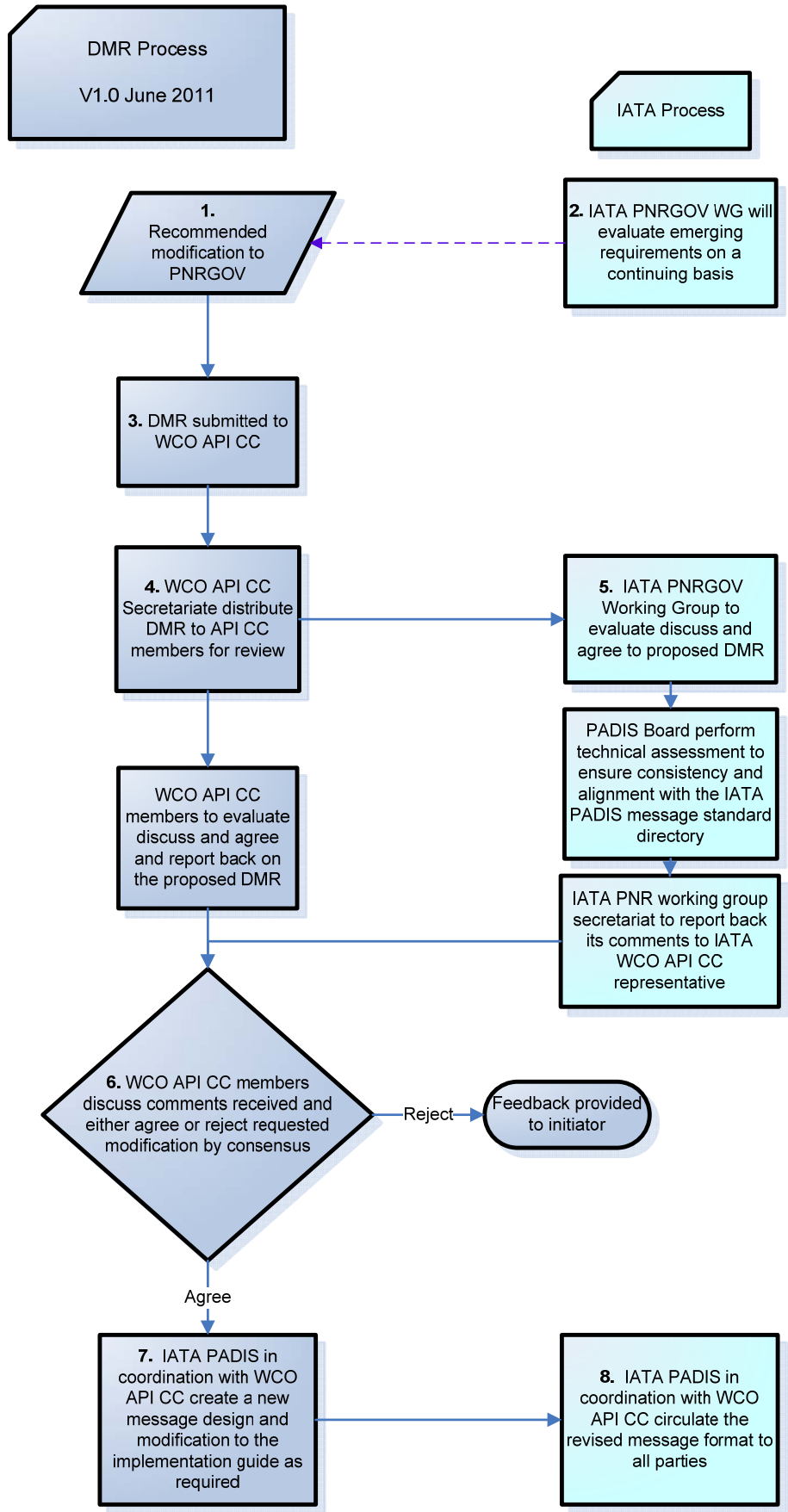
DMR Process

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IATA Process

1. Recommended modification to PNRGOV

2. IATA PNRGOV WG will evaluate emerging requirements on a continuing basis

3. DMR submitted to WCO API CC

4. WCO API CC Secretariate distribute DMR to API CC members for review

5. IATA PNRGOV Working Group to evaluate discuss and agree to proposed DMR

PADIS Board perform technical assessment to ensure consistency and alignment with the IATA PADIS message standard directory

WCO API CC members to evaluate discuss and agree and report back on the proposed DMR

IATA PNR working group secretariat to report back its comments to IATA WCO API CC representative

6. WCO API CC members discuss comments received and either agree or reject requested modification by consensus

Reject

Feedback provided to initiator

Agree

7. IATA PADIS in coordination with WCO API CC create a new message design and modification to the implementation guide as required

8. IATA PADIS in coordination with WCO API CC circulate the revised message format to all parties

Figure 1: Amendment process

Amendment Process:

1. Any interested party may recommend modifications to the PNRGOV message structure, by use of the existing WCO Data Modification Request, or (DMR), process.

2. The IATA PNRGOV Working Group will evaluate the existing PNRGOV message on a regular basis and develop recommendations for modifications as conditions or emerging requirements warrant.

3. DMRs, once completed by the request originator, would be submitted to the WCO/IATA/ICAO API Contact Committee secretariat via a WCO Member. Currently only WCO Members are permitted to initiate a request, except in exceptional cases where the API CC Secretariat can raise a DMR on behalf of IATA. It is expected that a WCO Member who is part of the IATA PNRGOV Working Group would submit the request on behalf of the Working Group members as required.

4. Upon receipt of an appropriately detailed DMR form, the API CC Secretariat would then distribute the request to all members of the API Contact Committee for their review ahead of the next scheduled meeting, as well as to the IMSC for the purposes of ensuring the request and the suggested formats for changes to the IATA PADIS PNRGOV EDIFACT message are consistent with UN/EDIFACT construction and conventional use from a technical perspective.

5. The API CC Representative will forward the details of any proposed modifications to the IATA PNRGOV Working Group secretariat for review. All proposed changes will be evaluated, discussed and agreed within the IATA PNRGOV Working Group. This review would include a technical assessment by the PADIS Board to ensure consistency and alignment with the IATA PADIS Message Standard Directory. The IATA PNRGOV Working Group secretariat will report back its comments to the API CC representative.

6. The API Contact Committee, taking into account comments received from various interested parties and the results of the IMSC and the PNRGOV WG/IATA PADIS Board review would then discuss the matter and would either agree with or reject the requested modification by consensus.

7. If agreed by the API Contact Committee, and wholly supported by current UN/EDIFACT construction rules (i.e. consistent with syntax) and the IATA PADIS Standard Message Directory (i.e. elements already approved, etc.), the IATA PADIS group in coordination with the API CC (through the WCO Secretariat) would generate a new message design with modifications to the Message Implementation Guide as required.

The revised message format would be circulated to all parties, and in particular with IATA to ensure that a new message release and effective date is coordinated among all parties.

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