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**To: The Board - A.F.I.F.**

**From: Barry N. Vining - F.I.A.T.A.**

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Dear Peter and all AFIF Board Members

Please find hereunder details of matters raised at the Congress that related to Australia:

**1. European Air Cargo Program: (EACP Resolution 805ZZ )-**

The European Union Commission has advised IATA that all immunities as related to competition laws will be lifted on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2004.

Since the Congress, the Joint Council of the European Air Cargo Program met on 28<sup>th</sup> October (IATA members and Freight Forwarders) and advised that the new program is evolving to reflect a non-immunised environment for commencement 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2004.

**2. U.S. Customs Advance Cargo Information as from 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2003.**

This matter is still on-going.

Bill Gottlieb – outgoing Chairman of FIATA Air freight Institute - represents FIATA on the working group in the USA.

The industry working group has studied the latest draft regulations and has identified almost 270 issues which require clarification. Only those items with the highest priority have been commented on to the US authorities and presently industry awaits the publishing of the final draft regulations.

Responsibility and enforcement penalties remain unclear in the draft documents: whether it is the shipper, the consignee, or the declaring carrier, or US based entity who will be held accountable and/or fined. The general feeling is that a U.S. based entity will be responsible at the end of the day.

A major issue was training of all those involved in the new requirements and in this regard FIATA has proposed to develop a joint IATA/FIATA computer based training module with access via a website.

### **3. Low Density - Resolution 502 -**

The Chairman of A.F.I. advised that any change to this rule has been deferred indefinitely.

### **4. Terminal Handling Charges – Contract of Carriage -**

FIATA is still fielding responses to a worldwide questionnaire concerning Terminal Handling Charges.

During the Mini-Forum I was afforded the opportunity to ask Mr. Suleiman, General Manager Business Development and Sales (Cargo) MAS Kargo, Malaysia, the question:

*‘How exactly does Malaysian Airlines finalise its Contract of Carriage at the airport of destination?’*

The answer, “Deliver the cargo to the consignee as stipulated on the airway bill”.

**5. At the Extended Board Meeting** - I advised of the upcoming meeting of FAPAA in Nepal and requested that if there were matters arising, their Secretariat (AFIF) would email the FIATA Secretariat and I would follow up at the March 2004 Headquarters meeting.

### **6. I reported on current status re the review by ACCC of IATA -**

Herman Donker the new Chairman of the Airfreight Institute (A.F.I.) commented that IATA’s response to our submission was flawed, based on his numerous meetings with IATA in developing the new European Program. He claims that parts of IATA’s response are now obsolete. Herman will be keeping us informed on the future moves re IATA in Europe and will be advising us of his reaction to the IATA submission to the ACCC in the near future.

### **7. Please note FIATA has moved. Details as follows:-**

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**8. FIATA Member Fees**

*FIATA have advised that fees would rise next year* unless they can increase the number of individual members. In this regard they have requested all Ordinary Members assist by organising a sales push in all countries.

**9. CIFFA have developed fresh draft Standard Trading Conditions** - which at some stage we should review. I have a copy.

**10. FIATA is looking at all documents they issue with the view of charging a licence fee.** The FIATA Bill of Lading is on the top of the list. This matter will be discussed at the headquarters meeting March, 2004.

Please route any questions or requests for more detail via Brian Lovell and I will gladly answer individually or collectively.

Best wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy and Merry Christmas.

Kind regards,

**Barry N. Vining**