EDItX International Steering Committee Minutes

Wednesday 13th March 2019, 9:00-10:00
The Dark Room, London Book Fair, Olympia

Attendees:

Luc Audrain (Hachette Livre) Chair
Graham Bell (EDItEUR, chair)
Maria Börman (Bokinfo)
Francis Cave (Consultant - EDItEUR)
Noah Genner (BookNet Canada)
Brian O’Leary (BISG)

Christen Perslöv (Bokinfo)
Johanna Roden (Bokinfo)
Chris Saynor (EDItEUR)
Ketil Stadskleiv (Bokbasen)
Karina Urquhart (BIC)

Main Points :

• Resolved to add: <PriceTypeDescription> to body of Trade Order
• Resolved that <Location> not needed in <ShipToLocation> in the body of general trade order message – subject to confirmation by EDItEUR
• Next message to be updated should be Order status and response...
• ...then update Order Cancellations and response to complete orders message groups
• ...then Stock Enquiry and Response

1. Welcome and introductions [Chair]

LA opened the meeting, welcomed the attendees. The members of the Steering Committee introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of last meeting held Wednesday 10th October 2018, and matters arising [Chair]

LA introduced the minutes of the meeting held at the 2018 Frankfurt Book Fair. There were no comments, and the minutes were approved.

3. Report on current EDItX activities [CS]

CS introduced his report, indicating that since the meeting of the ISC in Frankfurt, EDItEUR had published the updates to the three EDItX messages: Inventory Report, Sales Report and Sales Tax Report. The updated XSD was published, alongside updated documentation.

CS gave a summary of the proposed next set of updates from the Trade Book Supply messages and the first to be reviewed will be the General Book Trade Order Format, Order and Order Response and will be done in a similar way to the updated Inventory, Sales Report and Sales Tax Report, making it more compatible with ONIX 3.0 messages, using the same naming conventions as tags in ONIX 3.0, when there is a difference in naming for the same data element, and making use of ONIX 3.0 code lists when these are appropriate.

CS also gave a summary of how the Order messages would use the same conventions as both the updated Reports formats and ONIX 3.0 around constraints and conditions linked to a particular ISBN being ordered, so that the order can contain all the details of which particular ‘business model’ is associated with this order. The Price information, this will also match ONIX 3.0 and the Reports structure.

There was a detailed look at the structure of the message, and following up on a request from KS it was agreed to add the <PriceTypeDescription> tag to the message body, as this is currently used a lot in
Norway and having it in the message would allow for full compatibility with the ONIX 3.0 message and ensure that even if this is a free text field, the data in ONIX 3.0 and in the EDItX message can be exactly the same.

CS confirmed that if the ISC was happy with this model and approach, then it would be replicated on all the messages as they were updated and as appropriate to that particular message.

GB asked the group if since the report formats were published has anyone had any thoughts about these or noticed things that people wanted to do but could not do under the new report format. There were no comments on this.

CS also said that <Location> had been added in the <ShipToLocation> to match the reports but wanted to know if this was this actually needed outside of the Consumer Direct Delivery Order message. It appears to duplicate what can be sent in <ShipToParty> <PostalAddress> and after discussion it was resolved that this element does not appear to be necessary in this message and it was resolved to remove it from the proposed update unless EDItEUR finds a good reason to leave it in this message.

CS said the other major addition was the same Territorial structure that’s was added to the updated reports and that is used in ONIX 3.0. For the Orders this will be mostly used when there are different prices and taxes for different regions.

KU asked for clarification of <ReturnsNote>. CS said this is a free text field that can be sent in ONIX 3.0 with an explanation or details of conditions and is proposed here so that the Order message is fully compatible with ONIX 3.0 but that as this is a transactional message the free text notes would mostly be used under exceptional circumstances.

GB asked the group if they wanted EDItEUR to work on Order status and reply Or Stock Status and reply next? Group said Order Status and response should be next.

GB asked what the expected timetable for this would be? CS said this would depend if Thema ISC voted to start work on version 1.4 or not (since that would be prioritised as the number of users is much larger). LA said the users and stakeholders need to make it clear what their priorities are to EDitEUR so that they could prioritise their resources in a balanced way.

FC said it would make sense to also update Order Cancelations message to be complete as users and implementors are more likely to sue the whole suite.

4. Updates on adoptions from user groups

LA then moved on to ask if there were any updates from other user groups.

USA – BOL said there were no updates on use but said there was interest in the reports as it was seen as something that could solve an existing problem. He asked if Batch used or were interested in using EDItX reports as they were launching in the USA. He also said that one of the goals was to raise the profile of EDItX in USA to see if there was an interest.

UK – KU said that BIC has developed a series of updated web services based on EDItX for libraries, which will be going live soon once the documentation is complete. FC said this project was based on EDItX library messages and the modifications were made in the light of the changes to the Reports. It is still in testing, so there is time to make sure they stay aligned. The BIC Realtime APIs for General Trade are not due to be reviewed until later. KU said waiting for more implementation in UK.

Sweden – MB said that they were working on an API for Orders but in development. They have implemented an API for ONIX records. CP – just using Order and Order response for now but looking at Inventory Report. MB said that they had a suggestion for a new code but would contact EDItEUR about this. GB said the process for adding new codes would be exactly like that for ONIX.
France – LA said they were looking at testing the new sales report, two publishers using it, Gallimard and Hachette.

Norway – KS said there is a big project to build website for digital learning tools, where schools buy direct form publishers. This is using the existing ordering API and they are hoping to expand this outside publishing. Not using Sales Reports yet but there may be a new project where this could be used.

5. Any other business [Chair]

There was no other business.

6. Next meeting [Chair]

LA said the next meeting would be on the second day of the Frankfurt Book Fair (Wed 16th October 2019).

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