

Seminar on Electronisation of Transferable Documents or Instruments Used in International Trade

Organised by: United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore (AGC) and The Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS).

Dates: 10-11 March 2016

Duration: 1.5 days seminar

Venue: Grand Ballroom, The Ritz-Carlton Millenia Singapore

Objectives of the Seminar

The Seminar seeks to introduce the participants to important international developments in respect of electronic transferable records (electronic versions of transferable documents or instruments such as bills of lading, bills of exchange, promissory notes and warehouse receipts). The goal of "electronisation" of transferable documents or instruments is to enable electronic transferable records to be used and enforced in the same way as paper transferable documents or instruments, thereby enabling industry and business to enjoy the advantages of using the electronic form of such instruments.

UNCITRAL is developing a draft Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records. Cross-border use of electronic transferable records will be facilitated and promoted when the Model Law is completed and enacted by various jurisdictions in a harmonised manner. Work on the draft Model Law is expected to be completed in mid-2016, after which it may be considered for adoption and implementation by various jurisdictions in the world, including Singapore.

The Seminar will introduce participants to the provisions of the draft UNCITRAL Model Law, and its requirements that must be satisfied in order for an electronic transferable record to be a functional equivalent of a paper-based transferable document or instrument. The Seminar will also feature speakers from Japan, Republic of Korea, China and USA who will share on the laws and practical experiences of their jurisdictions relating to the use of electronic transferable records. Additionally, providers of electronic transferable record systems will be invited to provide industry perspectives.

Seminar Programme (attached)

Please refer to the attached tentative seminar programme which is subject to change.

Who Should Attend

- Senior personnel and legal advisers from banks, shipping companies (carriers), logistics firms and businesses involved in cross-border trade (traders)
- Senior personnel from companies involved in trade financing, receivables financing
- Legal practitioners, general counsel and legal officers
- Senior personnel from providers of IT solutions supporting electronic transferable records
- Policy makers and regulators
- Academics

Why You Should Attend

- To understand how the draft UNCITRAL Model Law, when enacted in various jurisdictions, will enable the use of electronic transferable records.
- To understand the potential for use of electronic transferable records in your industry sector by hearing from experiences in other countries that have used electronic transferable records.

- To provide feedback, for UNCITRAL's consideration, on the provisions of the draft UNCITRAL Model Law from your industry perspective.

Financial Training Scheme (FTS) (For Banks and Financial Institutions Only)

Financial Training Scheme (FTS) - Eligible

This programme is approved for listings on the Financial Training Scheme (FTS) Programme Directory and is eligible for FTS claims subject to all eligibility criteria being met.

However, in no way does this represent IBF's endorsement of the quality of the training provider and programme. Participants are advised to assess the suitability of the programme and its relevance to participants' business activities or job roles.

The FTS is available to eligible entities, at a 50% funding level of programme fees subject to all eligibility criteria being met. FTS claims may only be made for programmes listed on the FTS Programme Directory with the specified validity period. Please refer to www.ibf.org.sg/ for more information.

CPD Accreditation by Singapore Institute of Legal Education (For Lawyers Only)

- Number of Public CPD Points for eligible participants: 9
- Practice Area: Others (Corporate / Commercial, Shipping, Banking and Finance, Electronic Commerce).
- Training Level: General.
- **Attendance Policy**

Participants who wish to claim CPD Points must comply strictly with the Attendance Policy set out in the CPD Guidelines. Participants are reminded to sign in on arrival and sign out at the conclusion of each day of the event in the manner required by the organiser. Participants must not be absent for each day of the event for more than 15 minutes. Participants who attend Day 1 and comply strictly with the Attendance Policy on that day may claim 6 Public CPD Points. Participants who attend Day 2 and comply strictly with the Attendance Policy on that day may claim 3 Public CPD Points. Participants who do not comply with the Attendance Policy will not be able to obtain CPD Points. Please refer to www.sileCPDcentre.sg for more information.

- **AAS Number**

Please email your AAS Number to Hannah at banks@abs.org.sg upon registration.

Registration Fee^{Note 1}

ABS Members	S\$395.90 per person (S\$370 + 7% GST)
Non-ABS Members	S\$417.30 per person (S\$390 + 7% GST)

Note 1: The registration fee includes GST, three tea breaks with a lunch only on Day 1, and seminar materials.

Registration

Please logon to www.abs.org.sg/em/register.php (registration password: **AGC310**)

Registration Deadline: **Wednesday, 24 February 2016**

Note: For non-ABS members, please click on the button "Complete payment via eNETS" to key-in your payment details. Registration will only be confirmed upon payment.

Cancellation/Substitution Policy

There will be no refunds for cancellations made after the registration deadline. However, substitutions are permitted without additional costs. Please inform ABS in writing at least five working days before the Seminar.

For enquiries, please contact Vivian Ong at 62244300 or email: banks@abs.org.sg

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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 10 March 2016 (The Grand Ballroom)

8.00 am	Registration
9.00 am	Welcome Remarks Mrs Ong-Ang Ai Boon, Director, The Association of Banks in Singapore
9.10 am	Keynote Address V K Rajah SC, Attorney-General of Singapore
9.40 am	Introduction to Draft UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records Luca Castellani, Secretary of UNCITRAL Working Group on Electronic Commerce, UNCITRAL Secretariat
10.25 am	Tea Break
Electronic Bills of Lading	
10.55 am	Overview of Electronic Bill of Lading – Advantages & Challenges Prof Nick Gaskell, Professor of Law, TC Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland, Australia
11.25 am	Perspective From Provider of eBL Services (Part I) Jonathan Koh, Senior Director, Trade Facilitation Centre of Excellence, CrimsonLogic Pte Ltd, Singapore
11.50 am	Perspective From Provider of eBL Services (Part II) Bevan Davies, VP Asia Pacific, essDOCS, Singapore
12.15 pm	Blockchain Technology and Electronic Transferable Records Prof Koji Takahashi, Professor of Law, Doshisha University Law School, Japan
12.45 pm	Panel Discussion
1.15 pm	Lunch
2.30 pm	Hong Kong Experience on Use of Electronic Bills of Lading Dr Zhao Liang, Assistant Professor, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China
3.00 pm	South Korea Experience On Use Of Electronic Bills Of Lading Lee Dong Whan, Team Manager, Global Business Team, Korea Trade Network, Republic of Korea
3.30 pm	Singapore Perspective On Legal Aspects Of Use Of Electronic Bills Of Lading Chan Leng Sun SC, Principal, Baker & McKenzie.Wong & Leow, Singapore
4.00 pm	Tea Break
4.30 pm	Panel Discussion
5.00 pm	Summing Up of Day One
5.15 pm	End of Day One

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8.00 am	Registration
Electronic Promissory Notes, Bills of Exchange & Warehouse Receipts	
9.00 am	USA Experience – Law And Practice Relating To Electronic Promissory Note & Electronic Warehouse Receipt Prof Henry Gabriel, Professor of Law, Elon University School of Law, USA
9.40 am	Japan Experience (Part I) – Electronically Recorded Monetary Claim Prof Atsushi Koide, Professor, Faculty of Law, Gakushuin University, Japan
10.05 am	Japan Experience (Part II) – Electronically Recorded Monetary Claim Takashi Kando, Chairman of Board of Directors, densai.net Co Ltd, Japan
10.25 am	Tea Break
10.55 am	South Korea Experience - Law And Practice Relating To Electronic Promissory Note Kim Sun, Attorney at Law, Checks Clearing Planning Team Korea Financial Telecommunications & Clearings Institute, Republic of Korea
11.25 am	China Experience – Law And Practice Relating To Electronic Commercial Draft Prof Liu Ying, Vice-Dean, Law School, Jinan University, China
11.55 am	Panel Discussion
12.25 pm	Concluding Remarks Jeffrey Chan Wah Teck SC, Deputy Solicitor-General, Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore
12.55 pm	End of Seminar
Roundtable Discussion (By Invitation Only) (venue to be advised)	
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	Discussion on Outstanding Issues from Draft Model Law Moderator: Luca Castellani, Secretary, UNCITRAL Working Group on Electronic Commerce, UNCITRAL Secretariat
3.30 pm	Tea Break
3.50 pm	Discussion on Issues Relating to Implementation of Draft Model Law Moderator: Luca Castellani, Secretary, UNCITRAL Working Group on Electronic Commerce, UNCITRAL Secretariat
5.50 pm	End of Roundtable Discussion

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