MINUTES
AUTO-ID TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA
Thursday June 17, 2010

Members Present:
Sprague Ackley, Intermec
Sheri Hudson, NW Memorial Hospital/Mass. General Hospital
Harry Manolopoulos/MiSim
Napoleon Monroe, Henry Schein
In Mun, HCA

Members Absent:
Kirk Kikirekov, HIBCC AU
Donna Lee, Hand Held Products, Inc.
Greg Stivers, McKesson, Board Rep

Guests Present:
Patrick DeGrace, Hospira Worldwide, Inc.
Andy Longacre, Individual Expert
DuWayne Schlittenhard, St. Alexius Medical Center
Nat Sims, Mass. General Hospital

HIBCC Staff:
Bob Hankin

Individual Expert:
Luis Figarella, Individual Expert

Call to Order
This meeting was called to order by Individual Expert, Luis Figarella at 9:09 a.m.

Introduction
General introductions were made.

Anti-Trust Policy and Conflict of Interest Statement
The Anti-Trust Policy and Conflict of Interest (COI) Statement were reviewed. Committee members were instructed to sign a copy of the COI and return it to HIBCC staff.

Approval of Agenda
Motion was made by Sherri Hudson, seconded by Harry Manolopoulos and approved unanimously to accept the agenda as distributed.

Approval of Minutes
Motion was made by In Mun, seconded by Napoleon Monroe and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of Auto-ID Technical Committee Meeting held on December 3, 2009.
Approval of Current Committee Roster
It was reported that Rob Milne and Suresh Choubey had contacted the HIBCC office to resign from the Committee. It was also noted that due to failure of attendance, Kevin Kite Powell should be removed. The revised roster was reviewed, and a motion made by Harry Manolopoulos, seconded by In Mun and approved unanimously to accept the changes.

Progress with New Syntax Standard – ANSI/HIBC 5.0
Figarella reported that the PINS Form had been submitted to ANSI and an announcement appeared in the ANSI’s newsletter “Standards Action on 2/05/10. The 30 day public comment period ended on 3/07/10. No comments were received.

Ackley explained the purpose of the 5.0 standard, and described the characteristics of indicators and data identifiers in 5.0. In short, the 5.0 spec. essentially lists HIBCC info in one place. The above becomes critical in lieu of recent ISO actions allowing the “direct drop” of HIBCC data into RFID applications.

Ackley explained the recent changes to ISO 15962. ‘962 calls for a complicated (but powerful) implementation of RFID. The ISO committee has approved an annex (T) to it (approved by the ISO BRM). When approved (as expected) within 9 to 12 months, the “new” ‘962 (and its Annex T) will allow for an ISO-15434 header “>[]R06G5” to act as the DFSID header in any RFID tag application. This will allow the implementation of existing HIBCC data structures into any ISO RFID application.

Supplier Labeling Standard (SLS) issues:

i) Modifications to Secondary Data, inclusion of Lot Field for Data String;
Figarella reported Oehlmann request for inclusion of the Lot Field in the secondary data table.

Ackley, Hankin, Longacre looked at previous versions of the SLS (going to 1985) and found fields had changed in example table, but text allowed the inclusion of Lot in all “basic” mode (+YYJJJLOTLC) throughout.

Committee agreed to prepare an errata statement for submission to ANSI and correction of the present standard. Motion was made by Manolopoulos, seconded by Mun, approved unanimously.

ii) Inclusion of Flags to allow serial number and lot number to reside in the same data string;
Oehlmann requested that there be a special flag allowing for the inclusion of both a Lot/Batch and Serial number in the secondary message.

Ackley expressed concern about undue complexity of the present structure. Hankin commented that in particular, the HIBCC office received a lot of request of clarification of the present standard. Monroe commented that the applications he was familiar with that had Lot/Batch and Serial numbers made the complete number field a Serial number (one containing Lot/Batch and Serial).

Committee questioned the practicality of having a 1-D barcode solution that allowed 18 characters of Lot/Batch in addition to 18 characters of Serialization. It was felt that such an
application belonged either in a 2-D barcode, or in a solution using the Data Identifiers (either 1-D or 2-D as shown in Appendix G).

iii) Guideline Document
Ackley, Monroe and Figarella will work on examples for Guideline Document.

Update on ballot for ANSI/HIBC Provide Application Standard 1.3
Figarella reported that BSR-8 Form was submitted to ANSI on 3/08/10, an announcement appeared in “Standard Actions” (ANSI newsletter) on 3/19/10. The 45 day comment deadline closed on 5/03/10.

A letter ballot to initiate the BSR-9 was sent to the Committee members; the voting period closes on 6/21/10.

Figarella reported BSR-8 Form was submitted to ANSI, and an announcement appeared in “Standard Actions” (ANSI newsletter) on 4/23/10. The 45 day comment deadline closed with no comments.

A letter ballot to initiate the BSR-9 was sent to the Committee members; the voting period closes on 7/26/10.

New Business
Sims described recent FDA requests for comment regarding pharmaceuticals that should be extended to IV Drugs and utilize bar codes. He also described efforts at MGH and the portions of the tour committee members would be taking on 6/18/10.

Monroe noted an upcoming FDA panel meeting on pharmacy labeling.

Adjourn
There being no further business, a motion was made by Mun, seconded by Manolopoulos and approved unanimously to adjourn at 2:27 p.m.