

COPRAR-Container Loading/discharge Instruction

On January 20, 2004 after one month's development and test, Yantian International EASYPORT (easyport.com.cn) proclaimed to the clients a newest container loading/discharge instruction, the EDI Communication- UN/EDIFACT SMDG COPRAR D00B (COPRAR D00B).

The main advantage of COPRAR D00B is that it offers the function of automatically checking data and emailing the data automatically to the clients. Thus, it avoids the suffering of the heavy work, long time and possible data error, which caused from the manual data checking previously.

As an example, let us look at a shipping company, one of the users of COPRAR EDI. The company sent an EDI (COPRAR) document to the port system. The content was the container information in a leaving shipment, such as the container number, the container size and type, the port of discharge and the owner of the container. The system automatically searched for the relevant documents in the port database according to the container number COPRAR offered. If the information in the port database were not in conformity with that in the COPRAR, a report (text file) would be created automatically for this data and be sent to the shipping company via e-mail. After double-checking, the company then sent the correct shipping instruction to the ship's hatcher of the port so that the actual container and its number the company requested were confirmed promptly and correctly.

It is now known that a worldwide and large-scale shipping company has begun to use COPRAR EDI in EDI communication with YICT.