

## **DTTN XML Document Structures**

### ***From a Trading, Logistics, or Finance Company's Perspective:***

The DTTN Standards for XML canonical document structures support more than 80 business documents commonly used in trade, logistics and finance. These structures are important to facilitate interoperability amongst the trade, logistics and finance communities locally, with the Mainland and globally. The document structure standards define the "common" meanings of the information entities and their inter-relationship.

To ensure the standards adopted or developed are in line with industry requirements and practices, the DTTN Standards Advisory Group (STAG) was established in November 2004, to review and endorse the DTTN XML Canonical Document Structures.

It is important to emphasize that the DTTN is designed to be easily adopted by the trade, logistics, and finance industries with no or minimal changes to their existing systems. In particular, it is NOT required for an organization to change its system to conform to the DTTN XML Canonical Document Structures - DTTN will accept whatever format and structure is the simplest for the organization to send to DTTN. DTTN will transform it into the DTTN XML Canonical Document Structure, and then transform it again into the format and structure required by the recipient.

### ***From an IT Service or Software Provider's Perspective:***

With the DTTN XML Document Structures and related infrastructure, application solutions of the software providers are empowered with the needed connectivity to help customers achieve better efficiency in their supply chain and logistics operations, by better integrating with their business partners along the trade flow.

By further extending their offerings, software providers will have more opportunities to explore new prospects by reducing infrastructure cost; extending their business reach in terms of customers and business partners; improving time to market; and focusing resources on the development and delivery of value-added services.

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<http://www.hk-dttn.com/standards/english/dttnxmldocumentstructures.html>.