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EXPRESS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA CREATES EXPORT COMMITTEE

Washington, DC, June x, 2013 – The Express Association of America (EAA), representing the four largest integrated express carriers, DHL, FedEx, TNT and UPS, today announced it is forming an Export Committee to manage policy issues impacting the efficiency of the supply chains their members operate to move products out of the United States. “Over the past year, the U.S. Government has made significant changes to the export controls regime for dual use items and also is discussing changes to the information requirements for all products being exported,” said Michael Mullen, EAA Executive Director. “To ensure these changes are implemented in a way that facilitates trade while still meeting the Government’s goals, the express industry is taking a proactive approach by creating a committee that will focus solely on the unique issues surrounding exports and export controls,” he added.

The Export Committee will join the three existing EAA Committees on Customs, Trade and Security. The Commerce Department Bureau of Industry and Security and the State Department Directorate of Defense Trade Controls are modifying the Export Administration Regulations and International Traffic in Arms Regulations, and those changes will take effect later this year and continue for the next couple of years as a part of the Presidents National Export Initiative. The Export Committee will engage with relevant Government officials to discuss optimum implementation of the new approach in the express environment, where timeliness is critical to meeting supply chain requirements. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the U.S. Census Bureau Foreign Trade Division are in the midst of re-engineering the Automated Export System and expect to complete the project and bring the new system on line also by the end of the year. CBP also plans to introduce an automated export manifest with the air cargo industry in the fall of this year. The EAA Export Committee will include experts with supply chain and information management backgrounds who can engage with CBP and Census to ensure the new AES functionality is integrated into the express operating environment efficiently, meeting both the Government’s and the private sector’s requirements.

The Export Committee will be formally launched at EAA’s Annual Meeting on June 18th.