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Working Party on the Transport
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 1 November 1999

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (TRANS/WP.11/199).

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At its last session, the Working Party elected Mr. M. Eilsoe (Denmark) and Mr. V. Tkatchev (Russian Federation), Chairman and Vice-chairman, respectively, for the fifty-fifth session.

3. ACTIVITIES OF ECE BODIES OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

(a) Inland Transport Committee

At its sixty-first session (8-11 February 1999), the Inland Transport Committee adopted the report of the Working Party on its fifty-fourth session.

(b) Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (WP.7)

The Working Party will be informed about the activities of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (WP.7).

4. ACTIVITIES OF THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

(a) International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR)

The Working Party will be informed about the major results of the ATP Test Stations Meeting held in Lisbon (Portugal), 24-25 March 1999.

(b) Transfigoroute International

The Working Party will be informed of recent activities of Transfigoroute International.

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP)

(a) Information on the status of application of the Agreement

To date the following States have become Parties to the Agreement: Austria; Belgium; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Croatia; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Ireland; Italy; Kazakhstan; Luxembourg; Morocco; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Russian Federation; Slovakia; Slovenia, Spain; Sweden; United Kingdom; United States of America; [Yugoslavia].

The instrument of accession of Georgia to ATP was deposited on 30 November 1998, i.e. the Agreement will enter into force for Georgia on 30 November 1999.

Romania deposited its instrument of accession to ATP on 22 April 1999 and the Agreement will enter into force for Romania on 22 April 2000.

(b) Test stations officially designated by the competent authorities of countries Parties to ATP and whose test reports might be used for the issue of the ATP certificates

The Working Party may wish to invite the Governments of Contracting Parties to transmit additional information concerning the competent authorities issuing certificates of conformity, the officially recognized testing stations and the addresses of bodies to contact in the event of any problems with a view to updating document TRANS/WP.11/1999/2.

(c) Exchange of informations among Parties under Article 6 of ATP

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP) WHICH HAVE ENTERED INTO FORCE

The Working Party will be informed of the amendments to ATP which have entered into force since the last session.

7. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP)

(a) Annex 1, Appendix 2, Paragraphs 32 to 42 - Updating of safety coefficients

This item should be discussed initially by the Sub-Commission on Test Stations.

(b) Annex 2, Appendix 1, to ATP

Monitoring of air temperatures for transport of quick-frozen perishable foodstuffs

The Working Party will be informed about the status of the draft European Standard (WI 141-010) on "Temperature recorders for the transport, storage and distribution of chilled, frozen, deep-frozen/quick-frozen food and ice-cream - Tests, performance, suitability".

(c) Annex 3 to ATP

Selection of equipment and temperature conditions to be observed for the carriage of chilled foodstuffs

The Working Party will be informed of the draft amendments to Annex 3.

(d) Annex 1, Appendix 1, paragraph 2 (d)

Question of quantity restrictions for the period of validity of type approval certificates

It was agreed that France and Germany would submit a joint proposal on the question, at the present session.

This question could also be considered under item 10 of this agenda.

(e) Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 41

The Working Party may wish to consider this item on the basis of discussions between the representatives of France and Italy.

(f) The Working Party may wish to consider a proposal submitted by Denmark (TRANS/WP.11/1999/6).

8. PROCEDURES FOR THE APPROVAL OF MULTI-COMPARTMENT MULTI-TEMPERATURE VEHICLES

It was decided, during the last session of the Sub-Commission on Test Stations (Lisbon, 24-25 March 1999), that Germany and United Kingdom should submit a joint proposal based on Annex 4 of the document TRANS/WP.11/198.

9. REVISION OF THE ANNEXES TO ATP

During its last session, the Working Party decided to include this item on the agenda of its present session, and invited delegations to begin by considering how to revise the texts without affecting the substance.

The Working Party may wish to consider the work done by a consultant for the revision of ATP Annexes, in documents TRANS/WP.11/1999/5 and -/Add.1.

10. ATP GUIDELINES

The results of the IIR questionnaire show that there are some items of the ATP, with different interpretations by the Contracting Parties.

A small informal working group (Denmark, France, Portugal, United Kingdom, Sweden and the Secretariat) met in Geneva (25-26 May 1999) and prepared some recommendations presented in the document TRANS/WP.11/1999/1.

11. FACILITATION OF TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS

The Working Group may wish to note that the draft annex to the "International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods" was endorsed by the Inland Transport Committee and welcomed by the Administrative Committee of the Convention (see TRANS/WP.11/1999/3).

12. SCOPE OF ATP

The Chairman proposed that the representative of the Russian Federation should prepare a draft on the transport of fresh fruit and vegetables for the present session.

13. KIT BODIES

It was decided to come back to this item after it had been considered by the Sub-Commission on Test Stations.

14. PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING THE EFFICIENCY OF EUTECTIC BATTERY REFRIGERATION APPLIANCES

The Working Party decided to keep this item on the agenda.

15. REFRIGERANTS AND BLOWING AGENTS

The Working Party decided to keep the refrigerants on the agenda of the present session and to add blowing agents to it.

16. STATISTICS CONCERNING ATP

The Working Party will be informed about any new element relating to this item.

17. PROCESSES OF INTEGRATION IN EUROPE AND THEIR POSSIBLE EFFECT ON THE APPLICATION OF ATP AMONG PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

The Working Party decided to keep this item on the agenda for the present session.

18. OTHER BUSINESS

An informal document on the new regulations concerning imports of eggs to the United States of America, will be circulated during the session.

19. PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2002-2004

The Working Party may wish to consider a draft programme of work prepared by the secretariat (TRANS/WP.11/1999/4)

Date of the next session

The fifty-sixth session of the Working Party had provisionally been scheduled for 30 October to 3 November 2000.

20. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report on its fifty-fifth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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