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Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the Electronic Consignment Note (e-CMR)

List of Technical Questions regarding the implementation of e-CMR

Note by the secretariat

At the special session of SC.1 on 4 April 2018, the Chair invited SC.1 to write to the secretariat with their technical questions relating to the implementation of e-CMR by the middle of July 2018 (para 20, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/S/398). To facilitate discussion at this session, the secretariat has compiled a list of questions received.

- What are the technical requirements to achieve the effects of terms such as “handing over”, “delivering”, “producing” etc. as used in CMR, in the light of today’s IT concepts such as cloud computing?
 - Are there technical standards for the production and authentication of the electronic consignment note as provided for in Article 3 (1) and Article 4 (2) e-CMR?
 - What are “other” authentication methods (cf. Article 3 (2) e-CMR)?
 - What are standards to make the particulars of the electronic consignment note accessible (cf. Article 3 (3) e-CMR)?
 - What are the requirements for other actions relevant to the performance of a contract of carriage (e.g. receipt of goods, instructions) which can be effected by electronic communication (cf. Article 2 (1) e-CMR)?
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