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Programme of work 2018-2019

Programme of work of the Trade Subprogramme for 2018-2019

Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the trade subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2018–2019. The Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards (“the Steering Committee”) is invited to adopt and recommend for approval by the Executive Committee (EXCOM) those parts of the Programme of Work which fall under the responsibility of the Steering Committee. Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in the Integrated Monitoring and Document Information System (IMDIS) used by the Secretariat for the planning, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme. The results of the implementation of the programme of work will be submitted to the Steering Committee in the Programme Performance report for the biennium 2018-2019.
2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management (RBM) approach, a broad management approach which establishes a logical relationship between the hierarchical results (outputs – outcomes – impact) known as ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’ and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent from achieving the objective.
3. The outputs/activities in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2018-2019. They fall into the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) other substantive activities; and (c) technical cooperation, including advisory services, training courses, seminars, workshops, and field projects.

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4. The outcomes/expected accomplishments, with corresponding indicators of achievement and performance measures are presented in Annex I in the form of a logical framework.

5. The details of the proposed publications are provided in Annex II. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex III.

I. Objective, strategy and external factors

6. The objective of the subprogramme is to strengthen trade facilitation and trade-related economic cooperation in the ECE region and

7. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division

8. The external factors affecting the subprogramme comprise: (a) there is political will and cooperation among Governments and international organizations; (b) there is demand for ECE standards and recommendations; (c) member States provide the necessary information; (d) there is active participation by experts in ECE technical meetings; and (e) donors provide extrabudgetary funding.

II. Outputs/activities to be delivered during the biennium 2018-2019

A. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies

(a) Steering Committee on Trade capacity and Standards

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings

- Plenary (6 half-day meetings)
- Bureau of the Steering Committee (8 half day meetings)

(ii) Parliamentary documentation

- Reports of the Steering Committee (2 reports)
- Sets of pre-session documents for the Steering Committee (12 documents per each set), 2 sets

(b) Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings

- Plenary (10 half-day meetings)

(ii) Parliamentary documentation

- Reports of the Working Party (2 reports)
- Sets of pre-session documents, including reports of the ad hoc team of specialists on regulatory techniques and the Advisory Group on Market Surveillance (12 documents per each set), 2 sets

(c) Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards**(i) Substantive servicing of meetings**

- Plenary (10 half-day meetings)

Specialized sections on standardization of:

- dry and dried produce (14 half-day meetings)
- fresh fruit and vegetables (14 half-day meetings)
- meat (10 half-day meetings)
- seed potatoes 10 (half-day meetings)

(ii) Parliamentary documentation

- Reports of the Working Party (2 reports)
- Sets of pre-session documents for the Working party, including consolidated texts of revised and new standards (2 sets, 25 documents per each set)
- Reports of the specialized sections (8 reports)
- Set of pre-session documents for the specialized sections (one set, 60 documents)

(d) Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (CEFACT)**(i) Substantive servicing of meetings**

- CEFACT Plenary (12 half-day meetings)
- CEFACT Forum (40 half-day meetings)
- CEFACT Bureau meeting (36 half-day meetings)
- Management Group of the memorandum of understanding on electronic business (8 half-day meetings)

(ii) Parliamentary documentation

- Reports of CEFACT plenary (2 reports)
- Sets of pre-session documents for the CEFACT plenary, including standards and recommendations (2 sets, 22 documents per each set)
- Reports of the CEFACT Forum to the plenary (2 reports)

B. Other substantive activities**(a) Recurrent publications**

Summary of UNECE Trade Facilitation Best Practice and Recommendations (1)

(b) Non-recurrent publications

- Trade Facilitation Recommendations (2)
- UN/CEFACT standards to support of the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

- Traceability and risk management through standards (1)
 - Guide to support policy makers to develop national trade facilitation strategies (1)
 - Risk Based Inspections (MARS Group initiated topic) (1)
 - Standards and Sustainable Development (1)
 - Sustainable Development and Standards (1)
 - Education and Standards (1)
 - Regulatory and Procedural barriers to Trade in a country to be decided (2)
 - Explanatory Guide on a UNECE standards (2)
 - Guide for risk assessment in agricultural trade (1)
 - Cross-border trade in agricultural supply chains (1)
- (c) **Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits**
- Information kit on e-business standards (1)
 - Information brochure on regulatory cooperation (1)
 - Information brochures on trade facilitation and electronic business (2)
 - Information brochure on Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards (1)
 - Explanatory video on agricultural standards or trade facilitation or regulatory issues (1)
- (d) **Press releases, press conferences**
- Annual set of press releases (2)
- (e) **Technical material**
- Update and maintenance of the website of the subprogramme (2)
 - Update and maintenance of the CEFACT project management site (2)
 - Update and maintenance of the CEFACT Business Requirements Specifications Library database (2)
 - Update and maintenance of the CEFACT Core Component Libraries databases (4)
 - Update and maintenance of the CEFACT Schema Libraries databases (4)
 - Update and maintenance of the United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations database (2)
 - Update and maintenance of the United Nations Trade Data Interchange Directory, also known as the United Nations Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (United Nations/EDIFACT) Directories (4)
 - ECE Standards and Recommendations for Trade and Electronic Business (2)
 - ECE Agricultural Quality Standards (8)

- Explanatory posters on ECE Standards (4)
- ECE Guidelines for Seed Potato Inspectors (1)
- Capacity-building material for the structured analysis of cross-border trade business processes (1)

C. Technical cooperation

(a) Training courses, seminars and workshops

- Seminars for standardization and inspection agencies and other stakeholders in transition economies and developing countries in the ECE region or beyond on ECE agricultural quality standards (3)
- Seminars for policy makers and experts in transition economies and developing countries in the ECE region or beyond, to support the implementation of trade-related standards, recommendations, and guidelines (6)
- Workshops for policy makers and experts in low and middle income countries in the ECE region, on trade procedures, supply chain management, conformity assessment and market surveillance, and women entrepreneurship (2)

Annex I

The expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures for 2018-2019

<i>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>		<i>Performance measures</i>		
			<i>2018-2019</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>
(a) Increased consensus on and strengthened implementation of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for trade facilitation and electronic business	(i) Number of new and/or revised recommendations, norms, standards and tools for trade facilitation and electronic business adopted by ECE intergovernmental bodies	Target	22	22	24
		Estimate		22	24
		Actual			25
	(ii) Number of new measures introduced by member States to implement ECE trade recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools	Target	4	-	-
		Estimate		-	-
		Actual			-
(b) Increased consensus on the development of ECE recommendations and guidelines for regulatory cooperation	Number of new and/or revised recommendations and guidelines for regulatory cooperation adopted by ECE intergovernmental bodies	Target	2	2	1
		Estimate		2	1
		Actual			1
(c) Increased consensus on and strengthened implementation of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for agricultural quality standards	(i) Number of new and/or revised recommendations and standards on agricultural produce adopted by ECE intergovernmental bodies	Target	25	25	25
		Estimate		25	25
		Actual			33
	(ii) Increased number of implementations of ECE agricultural quality standards by member States	Target	1,500	1,000	1,000
		Estimate		1,000	1,000
		Actual			1,439

Annex II

Details of proposed publications for 2018-2019

A. Recurrent publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Summary of UNECE Trade Facilitation Best Practice and Recommendations	ST/SGB/2012/2; ECE/TRADE/C/C EFACT/2010/15/ Rev.5, para. 6	Electronic	A4	20	E	R	

B. Non-recurrent publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Trade Facilitation Recommendations (2018A)	ST/SGB/2012/2; ECE/TRADE/C/C EFACT/2010/15/ Rev.5, para. 6	Electronic	A4	30	E, F, R		E -100 F- 100 R-100
2	UN/CEFACT standards to support of the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement	ST/SGB/2012/2; ECE/TRADE/C/C EFACT/2010/15/ Rev.5, para. 6	Electronic	A4	30	E, F, R		
3	Traceability and risk management through standards	ST/SGB/2012/2; ECE/TRADE/C/C EFACT/2010/15/ Rev.5, para. 6	Electronic	A4	25	E, F		
4	Guide to support policy makers to develop national trade facilitation strategies	ST/SGB/2012/2; ECE/TRADE/C/C EFACT/2010/15/ Rev.5, para. 6	Electronic	A4	25	E, F, R		
5	Risk Based Inspections (MARS Group initiated topic)	A/RES/70/186, para 79 (b)	Print and electronic	A4	30	E, R		E- 300 R- 300
6	Disaster and Sustainable Development	United Nations Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience, result 1.1	Electronic	A4	30	E		

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7	Sustainable Development and Standards	A/RES/69/313, para 36	Electronic	A4	30	E		
8	Education and Standards	A/RES/70/1, para 25	Electronic	A4	30	E		
9	Trade Facilitation Recommendations (2019B)	ST/SGB/2012/2; ECE/TRADE/C/C EFACT/2010/15/ Rev.5, para. 6	Electronic	A4	30	E;F;R		
10	Regulatory and Procedural barriers to Trade in a country to be decided	ST/SGB/2012/2. GA resolution A/RES/68/199, paragraph 2	Print and electronic	A4	200	E; R		E -100 R- 100
11	Regulatory and Procedural barriers to Trade in a country to be decided	ST/SGB/2012/2. GA resolution A/RES/68/199, paragraph 2	Electronic	A4	200	E; R		
12	Explanatory Guide on a UNECE standard (tentatively: nuts and dried fruit)	ST/SGB/2012/2. GA resolution 65/142, preamble	Print and electronic	A4	80	E;F;R		E -100 F-100 R-100
13	Explanatory Guide on a UNECE standard (tentatively: nuts and dried fruit)	ST/SGB/2012/2. GA resolution 65/142, preamble	Electronic	A4	80	E;F;R		
14	Guide for risk assessment in agricultural trade	ST/SGB/2012/2. GA resolution 65/142, preamble	Electronic	A4	40	E;F;R		
15	Cross-border trade in agricultural supply chains	ST/SGB/2012/2. GA resolution 65/142, preamble	Electronic	A4	50	E;R		

Annex III

Legislative mandates¹

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
66/288	The future we want
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
67/226	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
69/8	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
69/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
69/11	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
69/13	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
69/83	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe
69/111	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
69/142	Realizing the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities towards 2015 and beyond
69/143	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
69/225	Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy
69/272	Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat
69/277	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations
69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
70/133	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the

¹ Without prejudice to the outcome of intergovernmental consultations on the ECE legislative mandates for 2018-2019 in EXCOM

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
	outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
70/184	Information and communications technologies for development
70/201	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
70/204	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
70/205	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
70/221	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
70/222	South-South cooperation

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2013/1	Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe
2015/12	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
2015/15	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

3. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
A (66)	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
69/137	Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024
69/213	Role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
70/217	Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries
70/223	Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
1991/76	Promotion of interregional cooperation in the area of international trade facilitation

3. Economic and Social Council Decision

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
1997/225	Economic Commission for Europe Recommendation 25, entitled "Use of the UN/EDIFACT Standard"
