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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AETR

Note by the secretariat

Delegates will find below a draft text prepared by the secretariat, with explanatory notes.

Proposals to amend AETR

At the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revision of AETR, which took place from 22 to 24 May 2006, several delegations stressed the need to introduce standardized forms to respond to certain situations and thus facilitate inspections. The secretariat was asked to consider how such forms might be introduced. This is the purpose of the present document.

To comply with this request, the secretariat advises the introduction of a new Appendix 3, referred to at the appropriate point in article 12 on measures to ensure the implementation of article (currently being amended) and, if necessary, the Annex to AETR (also being amended). In addition, the AETR should be supplemented by a new article 22 ter outlining the procedure for amending the future Appendix 3.

The secretariat has accordingly prepared drafts of article 12 and article 22 ter.

Article 12: The following is a draft paragraph that could be inserted at the end of the article:

“To facilitate international inspections, model standardized forms will be introduced, for use when required, in the Annex to this Agreement, which will be supplemented accordingly by a new Appendix 3. These forms will be introduced or amended in accordance with the procedure defined in article 22 ter.

The model forms in Appendix 3 are in no way binding [as to their form]. The Contracting Parties may supplement the forms with additional information to satisfy national or regional requirements, but this additional information must under no circumstances be required for transport originating in another Contracting Party or third country.

The forms introduced by European Union legislation pertaining to the driving and rest periods of professional drivers are recognized as valid for all transport effected under cover of the Agreement.”

Draft text of new article 22 ter:

“A new article 22 ter shall be incorporated into the Agreement as follows:

Article 22 ter

Procedure for amending Appendix 3

1. Appendix 3 of the Annex to this Agreement shall be supplemented or amended in accordance with the following procedure.

2. Any proposal to supplement or amend Appendix 3 shall be submitted to the Working Party on Road Transport of the Economic Commission for Europe. The proposal shall be deemed acceptable if adopted by the majority of Contracting Parties present and voting.

3. The secretariat of the Working Party on Road Transport shall officially notify the competent administrations of all the Contracting Parties of any amendment thus adopted. For information purposes, the Secretary-General shall be notified at the same time. The amendment shall enter into force three months after the date of its notification to the Contracting Parties.”
