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Programme of work and biennial evaluation

Programme of work

Note by the secretariat

1. The WP.11 examines its programme of work every two years. Once adopted by WP.11, the draft programme of work is forwarded to the Inland Transport Committee and once adopted it becomes part of the programme of work of the ITC.
2. Traditionally, the programme of work has covered a four-year period. The last one, adopted by WP.11 in 2009, was the programme of work for the period 2010-2014.
3. However, it has recently been decided that the programme of work should in future cover a two-year period only. There are a number of reasons for this, including: (a) to improve and harmonize the format in which programmes of work are presented to sectoral committees and to the EXCOM and to make programmes of work comparable across subprogrammes and easier to read for delegates; and (b) to harmonize the timeframe for which programmes of work are agreed by sectoral committees and to bring them in line with the UN biennial budget cycle.
4. To better reflect the results-based approach to budgeting – activities/outputs will be grouped in activity clusters. A cluster is a focused area of work with an expected accomplishment and one or two indicators of achievement.
5. In this transitional period, the programme of work is presented in both the old and new formats in annexes I and II to the present document.

6. The following clusters of activities make up UNECE's Subprogramme on Transport:

Cluster No. Subprogramme: 02 Transport

1. Overall coordination (Inland Transport Committee and Bureau)
 2. Transport trends and economics, land-locked countries and transit facilitation
 3. Road transport (Trans-European network for motorways (TEM) Project)
 4. Road traffic safety
 5. Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)
 6. Rail transport (Trans-European network for rail (TER) Project)
 7. Inland waterway transport
 8. Intermodal transport and logistics
 9. Customs questions affecting transport
 10. Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)
 11. Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)
 12. Transport of dangerous goods (ECOSOC)
 13. Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (ECOSOC)
 14. Transport of perishable foodstuffs
 15. Transport statistics
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7. Outputs/activities to be carried out in 2012-2013 are listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

8. The objective of the UNECE subprogramme of transport is to facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport modes and improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable transport.

9. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division

Annex I

Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2012–2013 biennium

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 14

Transport of perishable foodstuffs

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
<p>The main aims of the cluster are to:</p> <p>Initiate and pursue actions aimed at enhancing the preservation of the quality of perishable foodstuffs during their carriage, particularly in international transport;</p> <p>Promote the facilitation of international transport of perishable foodstuffs by harmonizing the relevant regulations and rules and the administrative procedures and documentation requirements to which this transport is subject;</p> <p>Develop and update the Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP), concluded in Geneva in 1970;</p> <p>Ensure harmonization of the ATP with other relevant legal instruments on the transport of perishable foodstuffs developed in other fora;</p> <p>Main actions by the Transport Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Act as secretariat to the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11); - Issue updated publications of the ATP and ATP Handbook; - Organize activities, including workshops, aimed at enhancing implementation of the ATP and promoting accession by other States; - Cooperate with Governments and other actors (intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations) in the field of refrigerated transport 	<p>Enhanced and updated international requirements for the transport of perishable foodstuffs</p>

Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

14.1 Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11): 67th session (25-28 October 2011), 68th session (22-25 October 2012)

Reports of the annual sessions of WP.11; Documents on the exchange of information on the implementation of the ATP; Proposal on the revision of articles 2 and 5 of ATP regarding the sea crossing and carriage by inland waterways; Proposals of amendments to the ATP and its annexes; Proposal on an ATP testing procedure for multi-temperature multi-compartment equipment; Proposals for additions to the ATP Handbook; Proposals on the extension of the scope of ATP to cover fresh fruit and vegetables; Programme of work and biennial evaluation.

(b) Publications and other information material

14.2 2013 issue of the publication of the ATP

14.3 Updates of the ATP Handbook on the Transport Division website

(c) Technical cooperation

14.4 Activities, including a possible workshop, aimed at enhancing implementation of the ATP, promoting accession by countries in and outside the ECE region, and at reducing the environmental impact of refrigerated transport;

14.5 Cooperation with other organizations working in the field of refrigerated transport including the International Institute of Refrigeration and Transfrigoroute International.

Annex II

Programme of work for 2012 to 2016

Programme activity 02.11: TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS

Harmonization of regulations and standards relating to the international transport of perishable foodstuffs and facilitation of its operation Priority: 2

Description: Review of the harmonization and the facilitation of the international transport of perishable foodstuffs under the ATP Agreement and updating of the Agreement in order to keep it in line with technological and ecological developments, taking into account safety and quality standards.

Work to be undertaken:

Continuing activities

(a) Consideration of amendment proposals to ATP to ensure it is updated as necessary. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2013: Entry into force of amendments to the annexes to ATP ~~the revision of annexes 1 and 2 to ATP~~.

(b) Exchange of information on the implementation of ATP by virtue of article 6. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2013: Increased number of replies to the questionnaire. Consideration of the information exchanged between Contracting Parties and the consequences on the implementation of ATP.

(c) Follow-up of Resolution No. 243 on "Improving the traffic flow of ATP vehicles for the transport of foodstuffs covered by ATP" for better facilitation. Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2013: To consider the difficulties encountered at border crossings and elsewhere for the transport of perishable foodstuffs, whenever necessary.

(d) Review of the definitions and standards (in annex 1) for the carriage of perishable foodstuffs in the light of global environmental discussions following the Copenhagen Conference to take account of new refrigerants and insulating materials, and environmental constraints. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2011: To contribute to the promotion of less polluting vehicles and fuels, through, inter alia, the ~~possible~~ holding of a workshop on ecological developments in the transport of perishable foodstuffs.

(e) Consideration of the work of the IIR Sub-Commissions on testing stations and energy labelling. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2013: To support ~~be aware of~~ the work done by IIR relating to the transport of perishable foodstuffs and to promote activities by WP.11 on energy labelling.

- (f) Updating of the ATP Handbook Priority: 1

~~Output expected by the end of 2012: To ensure the regular updating have a version of the Handbook on the internet including the revised annexes.~~

- (g) Cooperation with the European Union on issues relating to ATP ~~Compatibility between European legislation and ATP.~~ Priority: 1

~~Output expected by the end of 2013: To develop contacts cooperate with the European Commission in areas relating to ATP aimed at with the aim of harmonizing European regulations with ATP.~~

- (h) Review of activities on the transport of perishable foodstuffs Priority: 1

~~Output expected by the end of 2013: Use Adoption of the biennial evaluation to identify areas for improvement in the of the work of WP.11 for submission to the Inland Transport Committee.~~

- (i) Promotion of ATP in countries not yet Contracting Parties in and outside the UNECE region with a view to promoting international safe trade in perishable foodstuffs and reducing losses of foodstuffs in developing countries due to inappropriate transport conditions. Priority: 2

~~Output expected by the end of 2013: Presenting ATP in international conferences and Raising awareness of the benefits of ATP. on harmonization and facilitation of international transport.~~

Activities of a limited duration

- (j) Consideration of proposals to extend the scope of ATP to cover the transport of fresh fruit and vegetables (2013) Priority: 2

~~Output expected by the end of 2012-2013: To develop a common understanding on finish the consideration of the feasibility of introducing rules for the transport of fresh fruit and vegetables into ATP.~~

- (k) Consideration of amendment proposals relating to test methods and procedures for the approval of multi-compartment and multi temperature vehicles, ~~to take account of technical developments~~ (2012). Priority: 2

~~Output expected by the end of 2012: The adoption of a new amendment to ATP on multi-compartment and multi-temperature vehicles.~~

- ~~(l) Review of the treatment of kit bodies under ATP (2010).~~ Priority: 2

~~Output expected by the end of 2010. Common understanding among Contracting Parties of how kit bodies should be treated under ATP.~~

- (l) Securing of ATP documents (2012). Priority: 2

~~Output expected by the end of 2012: Entry into force of new model ATP certificate and Consideration of need for further ways other ways of securing ATP documents.~~

- (m) Revision of ATP provisions relating to K value testing ~~paragraphs 29 and 49~~ (2012). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2013: Adoption ~~Drafting~~ of proposals aimed at improving provisions relating to K value testing for the revision of ATP paragraphs 29 and 49.

(n) Consideration of proposals regarding ~~to increase the length of~~ the sea crossing referred to in ATP and the possibility of extending ~~to extend~~ the scope of ATP to cover carriage by inland waterways (2011). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2011: Adoption of proposals to amend article 3 of ATP.

(o) Decision on whether to include new provisions in the ATP on thermal containers in the light of the proposals on the sea crossing and inland waterways (2011). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2011: Decision regarding thermal containers.
