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Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the session

Addendum

Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. Activities of ECE bodies of interest to the Working Party

(a) Inland Transport Committee

2. The Working Party will be informed about the results of the seventy-sixth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) (25-27 February 2014) as reflected in its report (ECE/TRANS/240, paragraphs 81-86).

3. The ITC adopted the reports of its subsidiary bodies (ECE/TRANS/240, para. 89).

4. Some ITC delegations were critical of the voting procedures used by WP.11 for decision-making and felt that they were hindering the proper evolution of the ATP.¹ In response, the secretariat has prepared a discussion document to allow WP.11 to consider whether adopting majority voting might lead to improved and more productive decision-making (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/7).

¹ Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage.

(b) Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

5. The Working Party will be informed about any relevant activities of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7).

3. Activities of other international organizations dealing with issues of interest to the Working Party

(a) International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR)

6. The Working Party will be informed about the results of the meeting of the IIR sub-commission on refrigerated transport held in Padua, Italy on 12 June 2014 (Informal document INF.5).

(b) Transfrigoroute International

7. The representative of Transfrigoroute International is invited to present the recent activities of his organization.

(c) European Committee for Standardization (CEN)

8. Delegations participating in the work of CEN are invited to inform the Working Party about progress on the development of standards dealing with testing methodologies for cooling and refrigerated equipment and particularly what impact these standards are expected to have on the future development of the ATP.

4. Status and implementation of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP)

(a) Status of application of the Agreement

9. There have been no new accessions to ATP since the last session and the number of Contracting Parties remains at 48.

(b) Status of amendments

10. The amendments to ATP adopted by WP.11 at its 68th session in 2012, and contained in Annex I to the report of that session (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/226), were considered accepted on 13 May 2014 and will enter into force on 13 November 2014 (see C.N.254.2014.TREATIES-XI.B.22).

11. Corrections to the ATP adopted at the 69th session of WP.11 in 2013 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.11/228, Annex II) were effected on 2 April 2014 (C.N.208.2014.TREATIES-XI.B.22).

12. Proposed amendments to the ATP adopted at the 69th session of WP.11 in 2013 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/228, Annex I) were notified to ATP Contracting Parties by the United Nations Treaty Section on 31 December 2013 (C.N.1049.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.22). On 28 March 2014, the Government of Germany, in accordance with Article 18 (2) (b) of the ATP, informed the Secretary-General that although it intended to accept the proposals, the conditions for such acceptance were not yet fulfilled (C.N.129.2014.TREATIES-XI.B.22). As a consequence, the amendments adopted at the 2013 session of WP.11 will be deemed accepted only if, before the expiry of a period of nine months following the initial notification period of six months, the Government of Germany does not notify an objection to the proposed amendments.

(c) **Test stations officially designated by the competent authorities of countries Parties to ATP**

13. The current list of test stations appears at the following web link: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/main/wp11/teststations.pdf>. At the 69th session of WP.11, the secretariat was requested to send an official letter to Governments requesting the missing addresses of competent authorities. A letter was sent to Ministers of Foreign Affairs in March 2014 and contact information for competent authorities has been received from Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Republic of Moldova, Romania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

(d) **Exchange of information among Parties under Article 6 of ATP**

14. At the last session, delegates stressed that it was an obligation for all countries to reply to the questionnaire and that WP.11 had set the target of 20 replies to the questionnaire in its biennial evaluation. The data received for the year 2013 are presented in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/6.

(e) **Exchange of good practices for better implementation of ATP**

15. Information on best practices is provided by Finland in paragraphs 13-14 of document ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/6.

(f) **Interpretation of ATP**

16. The Working Party is invited to consider a question of interpretation raised by the secretariat in document ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/5.

5. Proposals of amendments to ATP

(a) **Pending proposals**

Definition of perishable foodstuffs

17. The Working Party is invited to consider the revised proposal by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/12).

Curtain-sided bodies

18. The Netherlands has asked that its document on preventing curtain-sided bodies from being approved under the ATP be kept on the agenda for the seventieth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2013/17, part II).

K values of in-service vehicles

19. The Working Party may wish to consider the proposals submitted by Germany and Transfrigoroute International regarding K values of in-service vehicles (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/9 and Informal document INF.2).

Supply of information on equipment to be tested

20. The Working Party is invited to consider the proposal submitted by the Netherlands which would require manufacturers to supply more information on the construction of insulated bodies and thermal appliances (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/17).

Equipment used for both refrigerating and heating

21. The Working Party may wish to discuss the revised proposal by the Russian Federation to introduce additional provisions in the ATP for equipment used for both refrigerating and heating (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/13).

External surface area measurement of panel vans

22. The WP.11 may wish to consider the revised proposal submitted by the United Kingdom aimed at harmonizing the measurement of the external surface area of panel vans (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/14 and Corr.1 and informal document INF.4).

Airflow measurement

23. The Working Party may wish to discuss the revised proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/15, part A).

6- and 9-year ATP tests for non-autonomous equipment

24. The Working Party is invited to consider the revised proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2011/16/Rev.3).

Corrections to test provisions for multi-temperature equipment

25. The Working Party is invited to consider the proposals by Finland to correct the provisions for the testing of multi-temperature multi-compartment equipment (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/2).

Test for in-service multi-temperature equipment

26. The Working Party is invited to consider the proposal by France (unrevised since the last session) (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/19).

Test for single temperature or multi-temperature liquefied gas units

27. The Working Party may wish to discuss the revised proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/16).

Distinguishing marks for multi-temperature equipment

28. The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal by France (unrevised since the last session) (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/22), the revised proposal by Portugal (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/8, part A) and the proposal by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/10, paragraph 10).

Combining annexes 2 and 3

29. The Working Party may wish to discuss the revised proposal made by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/11).

References to standards

30. The Working Party is invited to consider the revised proposal by the Netherlands regarding the adoption of new standards in the ATP (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/18).

(b) New proposals

Validity of certificates for equipment manufactured for transfer to another country

31. The Working Party is invited to consider the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/21).

Certification of multi-temperature equipment

32. The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/10, paragraphs 11-12).

Revision of standards

33. The Working Party is invited to discuss proposals by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/20), the Russian Federation (Informal document INF.3) and the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/15, part B).

Miscellaneous correction proposals

34. The Working Party may wish to consider a number of proposals to correct ATP provisions made by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/3).

6. ATP Handbook

35. The latest version of the ATP Handbook appears on the Transport Division website in English, French and Russian at the following link: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/atp_handbook.html

36. The WP.11 may wish to consider the proposal by the United Kingdom to include illustrations in the ATP Handbook on the measurement of the external surface area of panel vans (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/14).

37. The WP.11 may wish to consider the proposal made by Germany to introduce a comment regarding calculations for testing of multi-temperature equipment (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/10, paragraph 13).

38. The WP.11 may wish to consider the revised proposal by Portugal to introduce illustrations in the Handbook explaining the composition of the proposed distinguishing mark for multi-temperature equipment (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/8, part B).

7. Scope of ATP

39. The WP.11 is invited to discuss the proposal by the ITC that WP.11 "consider the possibility of extending the scope of the Agreement [to fresh fruit and vegetables], for example by adding an annex which could be applied by Contracting Parties on a voluntary basis" (ECE/TRANS/240, para. 86).

40. France has asked that its document on extending the scope of the ATP to domestic transport be kept on the agenda for the seventieth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2013/20).

8. Energy labelling, refrigerants and blowing agents

41. The WP.11 may wish to discuss any developments in the field of energy labelling, refrigerants and blowing agents that have a bearing on its work.

9. Programme of work and biennial evaluation

42. The WP.11 may wish to discuss its draft work plan for 2014-2018 as presented in document ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/4. At its seventy-sixth session, the ITC endorsed in principle the draft work plan for the period 2014-2018 as contained in document ECE/TRANS/2014/26, pending adoption of the section dealing with programme activity 02.11 by WP.11 in October 2014.

10. Election of officers

43. The WP.11 is expected to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for its seventy-first session in 2015.

11. Other business

44. The WP.11 may wish to consider any other business under this item.

Dates of the seventy-first session

45. The dates of 6-9 October 2015 (Tuesday to Friday) have been reserved for the seventy-first session of WP.11.

12. Adoption of the report

46. The WP.11 is expected to adopt the report on its seventieth session based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.
