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1. Adoption of the agenda

1. In accordance with WP.11'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-seventh session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) (24-26 February 2015) as reflected in its report (ECE/TRANS/248, paragraphs 118-126).

3. The ITC adopted the reports of its subsidiary bodies (ECE/TRANS/248, para. 131).

4. The ITC noted that WP.11 had discussed its decision-making procedures and established an informal working group under the leadership of Belgium to discuss the issue in greater detail.

5. The ITC **noted** the importance of ensuring the coverage of the ATP in intermodal transport. Currently, ATP does not apply when a journey includes a sea crossing above 150 km in length. This means that carriage of perishable foodstuffs that includes a sea

crossing from Rotterdam to Newcastle would be outside the scope of the ATP whereas for the same shipment transported via Calais to Dover the ATP would apply.

6. The Committee **further noted** that the ATP does not contain a definition of "perishable foodstuffs" and does not apply to the carriage of fresh fruit and vegetables.

7. The Committee **noted** that WP.11 had discussed various options for extending the scope of the ATP to include the carriage of fresh fruit and vegetables, including adding an annex that recommends rather than prescribes temperature conditions for the carriage of fresh fruit and vegetables, or the conclusion of multilateral agreements in accordance with article 7 of the ATP among countries that wish to extend the coverage of ATP to fresh fruit and vegetables.

8. The WP.11 may wish to discuss the proposals made by Belgium on behalf of the informal working group to introduce new decision making and voting procedures in WP.11 and new templates for documents as outlined in sections B and C of ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/10.

(b) Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

9. 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)

10. The Working Party will be informed about the results of the meeting of the IIR sub-commission on refrigerated transport held in Castelo Branco, Portugal, on 21 and 22 April 2015 (Informal document INF.3).

(b) Transfrigoroute International

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

(c) European Committee for Standardization (CEN)

12. Delegations participating in the work of CEN are invited to inform the Working Party about progress on the development of standards dealing with transport under controlled temperatures and what impact these standards are expected to have on 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

13. Saudi Arabia acceded to ATP in January 2015 thereby bringing the number of Contracting Parties to 49.

(b) Status of amendments

14. The amendments to ATP adopted by WP.11 at its 69th session in 2013, and contained in Annex I to the report of that session (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/228), were

considered accepted on 31 March 2015 and will enter into force on 30 September 2015 (see C.N.253.2015.TREATIES-XI.B.22).

15. Proposed amendments to the ATP adopted at the 70th session of WP.11 in 2014 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/231, Annexes I and II and ECE/TRANS/WP.11/231/Corrs. 1 and 2) were notified to ATP Contracting Parties by the United Nations Treaty Section on 19 March 2015 (C.N.181.2015.TREATIES-XI.B.22). After the session, the secretariat of the Working Party was informed by the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs that the corrections contained in Annex II of ECE/TRANS/WP.11/231 were related to errors that did not fall within any of the categories of errors affecting the original text of a treaty that may be corrected using the correction procedure described in the Summary of Practice of the Secretary-General as depositary of multilateral treaties. As a consequence it was agreed that they would be treated as proposed amendments subject to the amendment procedure outlined in Article 18 of the ATP (see ECE/TRANS/WP.11/231/Corr. 2).

16. On 13 May 2015, 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.298.2015.TREATIES-XI.B.22). As a consequence, the amendments adopted at the 2014 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

17. The current list of officially designated test stations appears at the following web link: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/main/wp11/teststations.pdf> and in Informal document INF.6.

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

18. At the last session, the WP.11 thanked the 18 countries that had provided data in response to the questionnaire on the implementation of ATP in 2013 and stressed that it was mandatory to have information from all ATP contracting parties and that it was a means of harmonizing implementation of the agreement. The data received for the year 2014 are presented in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/6 and ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/6/Add.1. Countries were also asked to respond to a number of other questions regarding implementation of the ATP. The responses to those questions are contained in Informal documents INF.2 and INF.5.

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

19. Examples of good practices are highlighted in Informal document INF.2 and proposals are made in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/4. A question regarding controls at border crossings is raised by Finland in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/8.

(f) Interpretation of ATP

20. The WP.11 may wish to consider any question of interpretation raised under this item.

5. Proposals of amendments to ATP

(a) Pending proposals

Definition of perishable foodstuffs

21. A proposal by the Russian Federation to add a definition of perishable foodstuffs in the ATP Handbook (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/18) will be considered under agenda item 6.

Registered or recorded

22. The Working Party is invited to consider the proposal by Belgium on the terms "registered or recorded" used in annex 1, appendix 1, paragraphs 1 and 3 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/14).

Validity of certificates for equipment manufactured for transfer to another country

23. France has asked that its proposal (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2014/21) be kept on the agenda for the seventy-first session.

External surface area measurement of panel vans

24. 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.11/2015/2).

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

25. The Working Party is invited to consider the revised proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2011/16/Rev.4).

Test for in-service multi-temperature equipment

26. The Working Party is invited to consider the revised proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/13).

Distinguishing marks for multi-temperature equipment

27. The Working Party may wish to consider the revised proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/15).

References to standards in the ATP

28. The Working Party is invited to consider a proposal by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/20).

(b) New proposals

Accreditation of competent authorities

29. The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/12).

Article 18

30. The Working Party is invited to consider the proposal to amend article 18 made by Belgium on behalf of the informal working group on decision making and voting (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/10).

Definitions for annex 1

31. The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the Netherlands (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/17).

Accreditation of testing stations

32. The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/11).

Model 10 test report

33. The WP.11 may wish to consider the proposal submitted by the United Kingdom to specify the duration of validity of the test report (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/1).

Temperature monitoring and recording of chilled foodstuffs

34. The Working Party is invited to consider a proposal by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/21).

Reference audit for builders of temperature-controlled transport equipment

35. The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/16).

New annex on the carriage of fruit and vegetables

36. The Working Party is invited to consider a proposal by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/22).

Miscellaneous editorial correction proposals

37. The Working Party may wish to consider a number of editorial correction proposals made by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/5).

6. ATP Handbook

38. 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

39. The Working Party is invited to consider a proposal by the Russian Federation to add a comment to the ATP Handbook with a definition of perishable foodstuffs (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/18).

40. 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.11/2015/2).

41. The WP.11 may wish to consider the proposal made by Finland to introduce comments regarding minor and limited modifications to serially produced equipment (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/7).

42. The Working Party is invited to consider a proposal by the Russian Federation to add a comment in the ATP Handbook concerning the determination of the inner and outer heat transfer surface areas of railway carriages (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/19).

43. The WP.11 may wish to consider the proposal by Belgium to add a comment in the Handbook regarding the use of "registered or recorded" in annex 1, appendix 1 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/14).

7. Scope of ATP

44. At its seventieth session, the secretariat was requested to write to Ministers of Foreign Affairs of all ATP contracting parties requesting the name of the authority competent to sign any future multilateral agreements on behalf of its country. A copy of the letter can be found in Informal document INF.7). At the time of preparation of this agenda, responses to that letter had been received from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Serbia, Ukraine, United States and Uzbekistan. The responses appear on the website. WP.11 also agreed that the procedure for concluding multilateral agreements proposed by the secretariat at the seventieth session of WP.11 would be added to the website.

45. The WP.11 is invited to review the draft road map (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/9 and Informal document INF.4) for accession to and implementation of the ATP prepared by the EuroMed road, rail and urban transport project with inputs from the secretariat and to make proposals on how it could be improved.

8. Energy labelling, refrigerants and blowing agents

46. 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

47. The WP.11 is invited to discuss and approve its draft programme of work for 2016-2017, the proposed biennial evaluation for 2016-2017 and its draft work plan for 2016-2020 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/3).

10. Election of officers

48. The WP.11 is expected to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for its seventy-second session in 2016.

11. Other business

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

Dates of the seventy-second session

50. The dates of 4-7 October 2016 (Tuesday to Friday) have been reserved for the seventy-second session of WP.11.

12. Adoption of the report

51. The WP.11 is expected to adopt the report on its seventy-first session based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.
