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**Working Party on Customs Questions affecting
Transport**

**Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on digitalization of the
Carnets de Passage en Douane (eCPD)**

Second session

Geneva, 21 May 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the second session¹

to be held online, starting 21 May 2024 at 10.00am to 13:00pm.

¹ Delegates are requested register online at <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=1KSw0f>.

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

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2. Election of officers

In line with the UNECE Rules of Procedure and established practice, the informal Ad hoc Expert Group on digitalization of the Carnets de Passage en Douane (eCPD) (hereafter referred to as: 'Expert Group') may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice- Chair to steer its work in 2024.

3. New developments relevant to the temporary importation Conventions

(a) Status of the Conventions

The Expert Group may wish to be informed by the secretariat on any updates regarding the status of the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles, of 18 May 1956 and of the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles, signed in New York on 4 June 1954.

(b) Status of the Carnets de Passage en Douane

The Expert Group may wish to be informed by FIA Secretariat on the number of Carnets de Passage en Douane distributed as well as on any issues or challenges faced from the operations of the system.

4. Digitalization of the Carnets de Passage en Douane

(a) Options in order to amend the Conventions.

The Expert Group may wish to recall that at its first session discussed and agreed that in principle relevant to the digitalization of CPDs provisions should be prepared as amendment proposals to the two Conventions to be discussed and agreed by the contracting parties to the Convention and then, if possible, transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations who shall circulate it to all Contracting Parties. The experts decided that they should focus their efforts on identifying the type of amendment proposals that should be suggested. Either new provisions should be proposed, or new annexes to the Conventions, or new protocols or a combination of those options.

The experts requested the secretariat to prepare for their next session, a document that provides a summary of the options exist in order to amend the Conventions including the possible pros and cons of each option. The Expert Group may wish to consider Informal document No. 2 which includes a first attempt to summarize the possible options to amend the Conventions.

Documentation

Informal document No. 2 (2024)

(b) **CPD/ eCPD procedures**

The Expert Group may wish to start discussing the current procedures of the CPDs system and identify which of them should be digitalized including the list of the relevant data.

(c) **Group's wokplan - activities**

The Expert Group may wish to recall that its first session held a general first discussion – brainstorming on how the possible digitization of CPDs will take place, what are the possible challenges and opportunities that they should address and where they should focus their efforts. Also, a list of first recommendations was prepared for further analysis and discussions. The expert group may wish to re-address this list and categorize – prioritize those recommendations accordingly in order to start further analyzing them during its future sessions.

5. Other business

(a) **Establishment of a formal group of experts**

The Expert Group may wish to be recall that at is first session discussed that a formal group of experts should be established under the auspices of the working party on customs questions affecting transport (WP.30) where sessions are being organized providing parallel interpretation in three official ECE languages and the documents are being translated also in the three official languages. The experts requested the secretariat to bring this request for discussion at the next WP.30 session seeking its approval and guidance. The secretariat will provide any updates on his topic.

(b) **Other activities of interest**

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about other activities of interest.

(c) **Date and place of next session**

The Expert Group may wish to decide on a possible date for its next session.

6. Adoption of main decisions.

The Expert Group may wish to adopt the main decisions of the session. After the session, the secretariat will issue a report, which will be submitted for endorsement to WP.30.
