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Programme of work and biennial evaluation

Biennial evaluation and programme of work

Note by the secretariat

1. The WP.11 examines and approves its draft programme of work every two years. Once adopted by WP.11, the draft programme of work is forwarded to the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and once adopted it becomes part of the programme of work of the ITC. The draft programme of work for 2018-2019 appears in annex II.
2. The secretariat would also like to draw the attention of the working party to the Transport Sub-programme objective included in the Strategic Framework for 2018-2019, that reads: "To improve sustainable inland transport with a view to making it safe, clean and competitive, both for freight and personal mobility".
3. As in previous biennia, WP.11 is also expected to draw up a draft expected accomplishment related to its area of work as well as related indicators of achievement.
4. At its seventy-first session in 2015, WP.11 adopted the proposal that appears below which was subsequently endorsed by the Inland Transport Committee.

A. Expected accomplishment

5. Enhanced and updated international requirements for the transport of perishable foodstuffs.

B Indicators of achievement

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
Transport of perishable foodstuffs	Enhanced and updated international requirements for the transport of perishable foodstuffs	<p>(a) Percentage of total of non-editorial amendment proposals adopted by WP.11</p> <p>Performance measures: Baseline: 2014-2015: 50 % Target: 2016-2017: 60 %</p> <p>(b) Total number of Contracting Parties to the ATP</p> <p>Performance measures: Baseline: 2014-2015: 49 Target: 2016-2017: 51</p> <p>(c) Number of countries replying to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP</p> <p>Performance measures: Baseline: 2014-2015: 21 Target: 2016-2017: 24</p>

6. The Working Party is invited to evaluate the performance of its activities in view of the expected accomplishments and related indicators drawn up in 2015. For this purpose, it may wish to review the draft accomplishment account below, consisting of an evaluation of the results achieved until July 2017, discuss the lessons learned and take programmatic measures.

C. Performance assessment

(a) Percentage of total of non-editorial amendment proposals adopted by WP.11

7. At its seventy-second session in 2016, WP.11 adopted a total of 1 proposed amendment to the ATP which appear in annexes I to the report of the session, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/235. The amendment can be considered editorial. The number of non-editorial amendments to be adopted at the seventy-third session of WP.11 in 2017 will not be known until after the session (10-13 October 2017) but it is already possible to assume that the percentage of non-editorial amendments will not exceed the 60% target for 2016-2017. The WP.11 may wish to select a new indicator of achievement to replace "the percentage of non-editorial amendments proposals adopted by WP.11".

(b) Total number of Contracting Parties to the ATP

8. At the time of writing, there are 50 Contracting Parties to the ATP. The target of two new Contracting Parties to the ATP has therefore not been achieved so far in the biennium 2016-2017. The most recent Contracting Party is San Marino in May 2016. There is still potential for new Contracting Parties to the Agreement. Of the 56 UNECE member States, Armenia, Canada, Cyprus, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Malta, Switzerland and Turkmenistan are not yet ATP Contracting Parties. The ATP is also being promoted to other countries in the Mediterranean area such as Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan and

Lebanon. These countries are already parties to other UNECE legal instruments. It is recommended that this indicator of achievement be kept in 2018–2019.

(c) Number of countries replying to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP

9. In 2016, 22 countries replied to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP. In 2017, 23 countries replied. The indicator of achievement of 24 countries replying has therefore not been achieved. It is recommended that this indicator of achievement be kept in 2018–2019.

D. Lessons learned/areas needing improvement

13. The target number of replies to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP was met and it is therefore recommended that the target be increased. Some countries state that they are not able to provide the data required because of their administrative structures. It is recommended that this indicator of achievement be kept in 2018–2019.

Annex I

Proposed evaluation for the 2018-2019 biennium

9. The WP.11 is invited to discuss, modify and adopt the proposed biennial evaluation for 2018-2019 which appears below and which will be submitted to the eightieth session of the ITC in 2018.

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
Transport of perishable foodstuffs	Enhanced and updated international requirements for the transport of perishable foodstuffs	(a) Percentage of total of non-editorial amendment proposals adopted by WP.11 Performance measures: Estimate: 2016-2017: 60 % Target: 2018-2019: 60 % (b) Total number of Contracting Parties to the ATP Performance measures: Baseline: 2016-2017: 50 Target: 2018-2019: 52 (c) Number of countries replying to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP Performance measures: Baseline: 2016-2017: 22 Target: 2018-2019: 24

Annex II

Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2018–2019 biennium

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 12 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 on 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 and standards on the transport of perishable foodstuffs developed in other fora;</p> <p>Main actions by the Sustainable 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 (paper and internet) and ATP Handbook (internet only);- 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*

12.1 Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11): seventy-fourth session (9-12 October 2018), seventy-fifth session (dates to be determined in 2018) (16 meetings).

Reports of the annual sessions of WP.11 (2); Series of documents concerning, *inter alia*, the following subjects: exchange of information on the implementation of the ATP; proposals of amendments to the ATP and its annexes; proposals for additions to the ATP Handbook; proposals on the possible extension of the scope of ATP; programme of work, biennial evaluation and work plan (2).

(b) *Publications and other information material*

12.2 2018-2019 issue of the publication of the ATP (1);

12.3 Updates of the ATP Handbook on the Sustainable Transport Division website.

(c) *Technical cooperation*

12.4 Activities, including possible workshops, aimed at enhancing implementation of the ATP, promoting accession by countries in and outside the UNECE region, and at reducing the environmental impact of refrigerated transport;

12.5 Cooperation with other organizations working in the field of refrigerated transport including the International Association of the Body and Trailer Building Industry, the International Institute of Refrigeration and Transfrigoroute International.
