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***Tenth International Seminar on Trade and Transport Facilitation  
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT DATA EXCHANGE, DIGITAL TRANSPORT  
CORRIDORS, AND TRADE FACILITATION***  
(online seminar, Odessa, Ukraine, 27-29 April 2020)

1. The seminar will follow up on the results of the 9th seminar "Data Sharing for Multimodal Transport and Trade Facilitation in the Common European Space," Odessa, May 28, 2019. It will focus on the exchange of data in multimodal transport based on international standards, so that data is readily used and re-used in port community systems, Single Window systems and along multimodal corridors.
2. During their 10-year history, the annual UNECE Odessa seminars were associated with three success stories: (1) the establishment of the Port Community System in Odessa, operated by the PPL 33-35 company; (2) the establishment of the National Working Group on Trade Facilitation and Logistics; and (3) the readiness assessment and work on implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement in Ukraine.
3. The last three seminars also covered issues related to the facilitation of agricultural exports, including a Business Process Analysis of the exports of wheat from Ukraine. In 2020, the seminar, organized online because of the COVID-19 crisis, will focus on facilitating data exchange among different modes of transport using UN/CEFACT standards, reference data models, and schemas. Electronic data exchange in trade and transport is even more important under the COVID-19 emergency, because of the need to decrease physical person-to-person interaction in the supply chain.
4. Participants from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Lithuania, and Ukraine have been invited to participate;
5. In practical terms, the following issues will be discussed during the seminar:
  - a. the collection and analysis of key transport documents (consignment notes, bills of lading, etc.), e.g. along corridors (Viking, GUAM), alignment of data to the UN/CEFACT multimodal transport and other reference data models, the issue of a standard data set for multimodal transport; and what has been done since the seminar in May 2019;
  - b. the use of documents, data sets and schemas based on UN/CEFACT standards in the real business process;
  - c. the concrete electronic consignment notes eCMR (aligned to the UN/CEFACT multimodal transport reference data model) and CIM/SMGS;
  - d. the use of a standardized multimodal transport data set in port community systems, Single Window facilities, data pipelines, and in such corridors as Viking (Odessa-Klaipeda) or GUAM.

This approach is in line with the recommendations of the UNECE seminars in Odessa on 28 May 2019 and in Minsk, 10-11 December 2018 (<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=50335>; [http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/cefact/OtherMeetings/2018/2018\\_SW-Workshop-Minsk/Recomendations\\_Rus.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/cefact/OtherMeetings/2018/2018_SW-Workshop-Minsk/Recomendations_Rus.pdf)): where participants "recognized the paramount importance of moving from document to data sharing in a single virtual space in the supply chain" and called "to develop a pilot project on electronic data sharing for multimodal transport, including rail transport using the UN/CEFACT multimodal transport reference data model and other instruments" and "data harmonization based on international semantic standards including the UN/CEFACT Core Components and data element directories".

The workshop will take place over three days: 27-29 April 2020, 10:30-14:00 Kiev time (GMT+3) and 9:30-13:00 CET, (GMT+1). The agenda will cover the following issues:

1. Data sharing between documents of different modes of transport:
  - developments after the seminar on 28 May 2019 on data sharing between multiple modes of transport based on common standards,
  - electronic data exchange on railway transport and integration with other modes of transport;
2. Data sharing on the example of the eCMR consignment note;
3. Possibilities for practical implementation of the presented concepts;
4. Port Community Systems and standardized data exchange;
5. Closing session, recommendations – how to involve the business community and regulatory bodies in the further implementation of the data sharing initiative above.