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**INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**  
**Working Party on the Transport**  
**of Perishable Foodstuffs**  
**(Geneva, 27-31 October 2003)**

**EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
FOR THE FIFTY-NINTH SESSION**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 27 October 2003

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (TRANS/WP.11/207).

Explanatory notes to the provisional agenda are in TRANS/WP.11/2003/5.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At its last session, the Working Party elected Mr. M. Eilsoe (Denmark) and Mrs B. Brunnhuber (Germany), Chairman and Vice-chairman, respectively, for the fifty-ninth session.

3. ACTIVITIES OF ECE BODIES OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

(a) Inland Transport Committee

At its sixty-fifth session (18-20 February 2003), the Inland Transport Committee adopted the report of the Working Party on its fifty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/152, paras. 127 and 128).

(b) Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (WP.7)

The Working Party will be informed about the activities of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (WP.7).

4. ACTIVITIES OF THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

(a) International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR)

The Working Party will be informed about the major results of the ATP Test Stations Meeting held in Vienna (Austria), 15-16 May 2003.

(b) Transfrigoroute International

The Working Party will be informed of recent activities of Transfrigoroute International.

The Working Party may wish to consider a draft recommendation concerning the dimensions of ATP-certified articulated vehicles, submitted by Transfrigoroute International (TRANS/WP.11/2003/3).

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP)

(a) Information on the status of application of the Agreement

To date the following States have become Parties to the Agreement: Austria; Azerbaijan; Belarus; Belgium; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Croatia; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Georgia; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Ireland; Italy; Kazakhstan; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Monaco; Morocco; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Russian Federation; Serbia and Montenegro; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uzbekistan.

Switzerland signed the Agreement without ratification.

(b) Test stations officially designated by the competent authorities of countries Parties to ATP and whose test reports might be used for the issue of the ATP certificates

The Working Party may wish to take note of the address of the test station in Greece (TRANS/WP.11/2003/1).

The Working Party may wish to invite the Governments of Contracting Parties to transmit additional information concerning the competent authorities issuing certificates of conformity, the officially recognized testing stations and the addresses of bodies to contact in the event of any problems with a view to updating document TRANS/WP.11/2003/2.

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

The Working Party will be informed about any information transmitted by the Contracting Parties under Article 6 of ATP.

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP) WHICH HAVE ENTERED INTO FORCE

The Working Party will be informed of the amendments to ATP which have entered into force since the last session.

The Working Party may wish to note that:

- the proposal of amendments to Appendix 4, Annex 1 to ATP as well as amendments to Annex 3 to ATP adopted during the last session (TRANS/WP.11/206, paras. 36 and 48, and annexes 2 and 3) was circulated by the Depositary (see C.N.228.2003.TREATIES-2).

7. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP)

(a) Articles 3 and 5 of ATP

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal submitted by Spain (TRANS/WP.11/2003/4).

(b) Article 18 of ATP

The Working Party may wish to note that the proposal submitted by Italy was rejected (TRANS/WP.11/2002/13).

(c) Annex 1 to ATP

Annex 1, Appendix 1, Paragraph 6

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal submitted by Spain (TRANS/WP.11/2003/4).

Annex 1, Appendix 2

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal submitted by Germany (TRANS/WP.11/2003/6).

Class G

The representative of Germany was asked to furnish for the next session the arguments justifying the introduction of a new Class G (TRANS/WP.11/2002/17).

(d) Annex 2, Appendix 1 to ATP

The Working Party decided to keep this item on the agenda in order to be informed on the European Standard EN 12830 (TRANS/WP.11/206, paras. 43-46).

8. PROCEDURES FOR THE APPROVAL OF MULTI-COMPARTMENT MULTI-TEMPERATURE VEHICLES

It was agreed that an informal drafting group comprising Germany, France and Transfrigoroute International would draft a proposal for approval procedures for multi-compartment multi-temperature vehicles (TRANS/WP.11/206, para. 56).

9. REVISION OF THE ANNEXES TO ATP

The Working Party may wish to consider a proposal of the new version of the revised Annexe 1 (TRANS/WP.11/2003/9) based on the document TRANS/WP.11/2002/12 considered by the Working Party during the last session .

10. ATP HANDBOOK

The Working Party may also wish to consider a draft ATP Handbook prepared by the secretariat (TRANS/WP.11/2003/11) on the basis of the document TRANS/WP.11/2002/11 considered during the last session (TRANS/WP.11/206, paras. 61-68).

11. FACILITATION OF TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS

The Working Party will be informed on the decisions taken by the Administrative Committee of the “International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods”, relating to the draft annex on facilitation of international transport of perishable foodstuffs.

12. SCOPE OF ATP

The Working Party decided to keep this item on the agenda.

13. KIT BODIES

The Working Party may wish to consider a proposal submitted by CLCCR and relating to kit bodies (TRANS/WP.11/2003/7).

14. REFRIGERANTS AND BLOWING AGENTS

The Working Party decided to keep this item on the agenda of the present session.

15. PROCESSES OF INTEGRATION IN EUROPE AND THEIR POSSIBLE EFFECT ON THE APPLICATION OF ATP AMONG PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

The Working Party decided to keep this item on the agenda for the present session.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

The Working Party may wish to consider a proposal submitted by CLCCR (TRANS/WP.11/2003/8).

17. PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2004-2008

The Working Party may wish to consider a draft programme of work prepared by the secretariat (TRANS/WP.11/2003/10).

Date of the next session

The sixtieth session of the Working Party has provisionally been scheduled for 2-5 November 2004.

18. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report on its fifty-ninth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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