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Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs

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Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the session

Addendum

Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

   In accordance with WP.11’s rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. Election of officers

   The WP.11 is expected to elect a Chair and Vice-Chairs for its sessions in 2020.

3. Activities of ECE bodies of interest to the Working Party

   (a) Inland Transport Committee

      The Working Party is invited to discuss any pending issues from the report of the eighty-first session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC), (19-22 February 2019) as reflected in paragraphs 99-104 (ECE/TRANS/288).

   (b) Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

      The activities of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) of interest to WP.11 are:

      • Forty-seventh session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Seed Potatoes (GE.6) 16 to 17 March 2020, Geneva, Switzerland;
4. Activities of other international organizations dealing with issues of interest to the Working Party

(a) International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR)

The representative of International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR) is invited to present the recent activities of his organization.

(b) Transfrigoroute International

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

(c) Standardization organizations

Delegations participating in the work of standardization organizations 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.

5. 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

There have been no new accessions to ATP since the last session and the number of Contracting Parties remains at 50.

(b) Status of amendments

Proposed amendments to the ATP adopted by WP.11 at its seventy-third and seventy-fourth sessions held in Geneva from 10-13 October 2017 and 8-12 October 2018 respectively, are deemed accepted as of 6 January 2020 (depositary notification C.N.5.2020.TREATIES-XI.B.22), for entry into force on 6 July 2020.

(c) Test stations officially designated by the competent authorities of countries Parties to ATP

The current list of officially designated test stations appears at the following web link: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/teststationsnew.html.
(d) Exchange of information among Parties under Article 6 of ATP

The questionnaire on the implementation of ATP in 2019 will be sent by the secretariat in May 2020. WP.11 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.

At the request of the Working Party at its seventy-third session, the secretariat sent a letter to all contracting parties requesting them to fulfil their obligation under article 6 of ATP of replying to the annual questionnaire and to update the contact information for competent authorities and test stations. All the information received by the secretariat is included in the list of competent authorities and officially designated test stations at http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/teststationsnew.html.

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

The Working Party may wish to consider any proposals for better implementation of ATP.

(f) Interpretation of ATP

The Working Party is invited to discuss the interpretation of any provisions of the ATP which are considered to be ambiguous or unclear.

6. Proposals of amendments to ATP

(a) Pending proposals

Definition of the independence of a unit taking into account mixed energy source technologies

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/1).

Amendment relating to the use of checks to be carried out under paragraph 4.3.4 of annex 1, appendix 2, of ATP of 6 January 2018

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/3).

Amendments to the models of reports that define the specifications of equipment and tanks for the carriage of liquid foodstuffs resulting from the need to take into account technological developments brought about by the use of new insulating foams

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/4).

Amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 2 paragraph 3.2.6 and 4.3.4 (ii), Annex 1, Appendix 3 and the ATP Handbook

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/5).

Addition to the ATP of provisions for the competent authorities of Contracting Parties to publish on their websites lists of all ATP certificates issued

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/6).
(b) New proposals

Possibility of voluntarily extending the scope of the bilateral and multilateral agreements resulting from the ATP Agreement to foodstuffs likely to become unfit for human consumption

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/2).

7. ATP Handbook

Amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 2 paragraph 3.2.6 and 4.3.4 (ii), Annex 1, Appendix 3 and the ATP Handbook

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/5).


8. Reports of informal working groups

Reports of informal working groups received after the issuance of the present annotated agenda will be made available as informal documents.

9. Scope of ATP

The WP.11 may wish to discuss any developments related to the scope of ATP that have a bearing on its work.

The road map for accession to and implementation of the ATP prepared by the EuroMed road, rail and urban transport project with inputs from the secretariat and the chairs of WP.11 has been published and can be found at the UNECE website: http://www.unece.org/trans/areas-of-work/transport-of-perishable-foodstuffs/road-map-for-accession-and-implementation-of-atp.html.

10. Energy labelling, refrigerants and blowing agents

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.

11. Programme of work

Dates of the seventy-seventh session

The dates of 13-16 October 2020 (Tuesday to Friday) have been reserved for the seventy-seventh session of WP.11.

12. Other business

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

13. Adoption of the report

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