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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. Activities of ECE bodies of interest to the Working Party

(a) Inland Transport Committee

The Working Party will be informed about the results of the eighty-first session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC), (19-22 February 2019) as reflected in its report (ECE/TRANS/288, paragraphs 99-104).

The ITC adopted the reports of its subsidiary bodies (ECE/TRANS/288, para. 117).

“101. The Committee **noted** that WP.11 had held a round table discussion on the ways to improve the functioning of the Working Party during its seventy-fourth session and had decided the following:

- (a) To explore the possibility of including non-legally binding provisions for the transport of fresh fruits and vegetables;
- (b) To increase the number of sessions from two to three per biennium, with one session on the first year and two sessions on the second year;
- (c) To extend the cycle of amendments to two years with the possibility of notifying amendments dealing with urgent matters at any time during the cycle;



(d) Not to change the Rules of Procedure of the Working Party or article 18 of the ATP agreement to remove the consensus requirement. The Working Party:

- (i) Considered that there are other ways of increasing the number of amendments adopted and keeping the agreement relevant;
- (ii) Encouraged members to work harder between sessions to negotiate proposals and to explain clearly the reasons for rejection, so proposals can be improved;
- (iii) Suggested to consider making a clear distinction between the articles of the agreement and its technical provisions/conditions of use, to facilitate the adoption of amendments of technical nature.

102. The Committee **endorsed** the decision of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) to increase the number of its sessions from two to three per biennium and **agreed to** review this decision in two years.

103. Other topics of importance to keep the agreement up to date and in sync with economic, technological and political developments/challenges, were forwarded for further discussion:

- (a) Agree on a clear definition of the scope of the ATP including an opening clause/extension clause to provide flexibility to extend the scope of application if necessary;
- (b) Include in the agreement a definition of “perishable foodstuffs”;
- (c) Seek a common interpretation of the preamble of the agreement, particularly related to the quality versus safety issue;
- (d) Agree on the elaboration of a list of goods covered by the scope of application;
- (e) Adapting ATP standards and requirements to the climatic and technical conditions encountered during the carriage of perishable foodstuffs in different climatic zones.

104. Overall, it was agreed that further steps to increase harmonization on the implementation of the agreement should be taken:

- (a) A single database containing ATP model certificates may be created to help reduce forgery, misuse and to simplify the procedure for issuing new ATP certificates in the case of transfer of special equipment to another State;
- (b) Contracting parties should strive to homogenize procedures for enforcement, checks and penalties across countries. WP.11 was encouraged to analyse the way other Working Parties deal with similar problems of harmonization and implementation and take note of best practices.”

(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:

- UNECE Meeting/Workshop on Meat Quality for a Sustainable future: International meeting on eating quality, standards and innovative solutions for trade, 1-2 August 2019, Potsdam-Berlin, Germany.
- Twenty-eighth session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat (GE.11), 19 November 2019, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Seventy-fifth session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7), 20-21 November 2019, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

For more information on these and other activities, please visit WP.7 website at <http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/welcome.html>.

3. Activities of other international organizations dealing with issues of interest to the Working Party

(a) International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR)

The Working Party will be informed about the results of the meeting of the IIR sub-commission on refrigerated transport held in Wageningen, Netherlands 24-25 April 2019 (informal document INF.2).

(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.

4. 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 in 2017 and 2018, and contained in Annex I to the report ECE/TRANS/WP.11/237 and Annex I to the report ECE/TRANS/WP.11/239, respectively, (depositary notification C.N.19.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.22), were notified to ATP Contracting Parties by the United Nations Treaty Section on 31 January 2019.

On 28 February 2019, the Government of Germany, in accordance with Article 18 (2) (b) of the ATP, informed the Secretary-General that although it intended to accept the proposals, the conditions for such acceptance were not yet fulfilled (C.N.75.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.22). Therefore, proposals of amendments adopted at the 2017 and 2018 sessions of WP.11 will be deemed accepted only if, before the expiry of a period of nine months following the initial notification period of six months, the Government of Germany does not notify an objection to the proposed amendments.

Proposed corrections to the ATP adopted at the seventy-fourth session of WP.11 in 2018 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/239, Annex II) were notified to ATP Contracting Parties by the United Nations Treaty Section on 30 January 2019 (C.N.18.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.22). Corrections were deemed accepted on 10 May 2019 (C.N.159.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.22).

(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

At the last session, the WP.11 thanked the 22 countries that had provided data in response to the questionnaire on the implementation of ATP in 2017 and 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. The information received for the year 2018 is presented in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/1. Countries were also asked to respond to an additional question regarding implementation of the ATP, answers received by the secretariat are included in the annex to document ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/1.

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

Procedure for measuring the power of single-emitter dual-temperature refrigerated and mechanically refrigerated units

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/11).

(f) Interpretation of ATP

Explanations regarding the procedure for checking the refrigerated equipment in service, manufactured after 2 January 2012

5. Proposals of amendments to ATP

(a) Pending proposals

The Working Party may wish to consider any pending proposals of amendments to the ATP.

(b) New proposals

Proposal to amend Annex 1, Section 2: Definition of thermal appliances

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/2).

Proposal to amend Annex 1, Appendix 1, Section 6: Harmonization of wording

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/3).

Proposal to amend Annex 1, Appendix 1, Section 6 (a) and (b): Validity of test reports for mechanical refrigeration units

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/4).

Proposal to amend Annex 1, Appendix 1, Section 3: Certificates of compliance for equipment that is not fitted with a thermal appliance until it has been transferred to another country

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/5).

Degrees Celsius and Kelvin

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Spain (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/6).

Amendment 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 the 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.11/2019/7).

Definition of the range of equipment taking into account mixed energy source technologies

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/8).

Amendment to the model test report that defines the test conditions to be registered for the determination of the air flow volume leaving the evaporator

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/9).

Amendment relating to the use of checks to be carried out under section 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.11/2019/10).

Proposed amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 6.5 Cool down test, measuring the outside temperature

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Finland (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/12).

Proposal to amend ATP by introducing special provisions applicable to packages and vehicles and containers containing substances presenting a risk of asphyxiation when used for cooling or conditioning purposes (such as dry ice (UN No. 1845) or refrigerated liquid nitrogen (UN No. 1977) or refrigerated liquid argon (UN No. 1951))

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Switzerland (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/13).

The role of measurement uncertainty in conformity assessment decisions in ATP

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Slovenia (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/14).

Amendment to the model test report that defines the specifications of refrigeration units and their effective refrigerating capacities arising from the need to take into account technological developments brought about by the use of new means of control

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/15).

Proposals improving test reports and ATP certificate of conformity

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the Netherlands on behalf of the informal working group on the improvements on the approval system of ATP equipment and thermal units (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/16).

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 United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/17).

Amendment to Annex 1

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/18).

Amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 3

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/19).

Amendment to Annex 2, Appendix 1

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/20).

Amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 2

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/21).

Amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 2

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/22).

Temporary ATP certificates for prototype equipment

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Transfrigoroute International (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/23).

Amendment to ATP with provisions on the establishment of a database of ATP certificates issued by the competent authorities of all contracting parties on the Working Party secretariat's website and provisions that the competent authorities of the contracting parties publish a list of all ATP certificates issued on their websites

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2019/24).

6. ATP Handbook

The latest version of the ATP Handbook appears on the Transport Division website in English, French and Russian at the following link: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/atp_handbook.html.

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.11/2019/17).

7. 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>.

8. 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.

9. Programme of work and biennial evaluation

The WP.11 may wish to consider decision 61 of the eighty-first session of ITC (http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2019/itc/List_of_Decisions_81st_ITC_Rev5_eng.pdf) which reads:

“61. Noting that starting in 2020, the annual programme of work of the Committee would replace the equivalent document with biennial coverage, requested the secretariat to discontinue the preparation of programmatic documents with a biennial coverage previously adopted by the Committee, including on evaluation and monitoring, since they will no longer be relevant for the new programmatic cycle;”

The Working Party may decide on whether the secretariat should keep preparing these documents in the future for internal use of WP.11.

10. Election of officers

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

11. Other business

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

Dates of the seventy-sixth session

The dates of 31 March-3 April 2020 (Monday to Thursday) have been reserved for the seventy-sixth session of WP.11.

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. Adoption of the report

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