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I. Attendance

1. The informal preparatory meeting for the second session to the Group of Experts on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (further referred to as "the Group of Experts") was held online on 22 January 2021.

2. The session was attended by experts from Belarus, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Pakistan, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Experts from the European Commission (EC) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) also attended.

II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

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3. The participants of the informal preparatory meeting (further referred to as "the Experts") adopted the provisional agenda as contained in Informal document WP.30/GE.1 No. 3 (2021).

4. The Experts noted that, in view of the informal nature of the preparatory meeting, no decisions would be taken and, instead, the advice provided by the Experts would be used by the Group of Experts to facilitate its work and by the secretariat to further improve the documentation to be submitted to the Group of Experts.

III. eTIR conceptual, functional and technical documentation version 4.3 (agenda item 2)

Amendments

Documentation: Informal document WP.30/GE.1 No. 4 (2021)

1. Minor corrections

5. The Experts supported the corrections of several minor issues of editorial, consistency or logical nature identified by the secretariat during the development and improvement of the eTIR international system.

2. Issues related to cardinalities

6. The Experts supported the corrections proposed by the secretariat relating to corrections of cardinalities in the eTIR data model and related messages.

3. Validity of the Guarantee

7. The Experts supported the proposal to remove the "Validity" attribute from the "Guarantee" class in the I7 message.

4. Status of the Postcode identification

8. The Experts supported the proposal to make the "Postcode identification" attribute optional in all addresses.

5. Type of the Binary File

9. The Experts supported the proposal to remove the "Type" attribute from the "Binary File" class.

6. Type of the Classification

10. The Experts supported the proposal to re-instate the "Type" attribute, as present in

v4.1 of the eTIR functional specifications, and to rename it “Type, coded”.

7. Renaming codes and identifiers

11. The Experts supported the proposal to rename various attributes related to codes and identifiers to ensure consistency throughout the eTIR specifications.

8. Updated list of error codes

12. The Experts supported the revised version of the code list for errors (CL99).

9. Add a Sequence number in the Transport Means class

13. The Experts supported the proposal to add a “Sequence number” attribute in the “TransportMeans” class.

10. Versions of external code lists

14. The Experts suggested to keep a central record of the versions and validity of code lists (internal and external) used in the eTIR system and requested the secretariat to prepare a concrete proposal in this direction for the second session of the Group of Experts.

11. Review of the Rules and Conditions

15. The Experts supported the proposed revision of the rules and conditions and suggested to add a textual description in top of the pseudo-code for the conditions.