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PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BIENNIAL EVALUATION

Programme of work for 2010 to 2014

Note by the secretariat

1. At its seventieth session in 2008, the Inland Transport Committee adopted its Programme of Work (ECE/TRANS/2008/11) for the period 2008-2012 and recalled that, as in the case of the Committee, its subsidiary bodies also only needed to examine their programmes of work every two years. (ECE/TRANS/200, para. 120). The present draft programme of work will be considered, amended and approved by the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) at its sixty-fifth session and be transmitted for adoption by the ITC at its seventy-second session in February 2010.

2. The Working Party is invited to examine in particular the continued relevance of priorities assigned to individual work elements and the expected outputs identified for the next two-year period, i.e. by 2010/2011. Proposals made by the secretariat for additions/deletions appear in underlined text or struck through.

Programme ACTIVITY 02.11: TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS

Harmonization of regulations and standards relating to the international transport of perishable foodstuffs and facilitation of its operation Priority: 2

Description: Review of the harmonization and the facilitation of the international transport of perishable foodstuffs under the ATP Agreement and updating of the Agreement in order to keep it in line with technological and ecological developments, taking into account safety and quality standards.

Work to be undertaken:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

(a) Consideration of amendment proposals to ATP to ensure it is updated as necessary. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2010: Entry into force of the revision of annexes 1 and 2 to ATP.

(b) Exchange of information on the implementation of ATP by virtue of article 6. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2011: Consideration of the information exchanged between Contracting Parties and the consequences on the implementation of ATP.

(c) Follow-up of resolution No. 243 on “Improving the traffic flow of ATP vehicles for the transport of foodstuffs covered by ATP” for better facilitation. Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2011: To consider the difficulties encountered at border crossings for the transport of perishable foodstuffs, whenever necessary on an annual basis.

(d) Review of the definitions and standards (in annex 1) for the carriage of perishable foodstuffs following the Montreal Protocol to take account of new refrigerants and insulating materials, and environmental constraints. Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2011: To contribute to the promotion of less polluting vehicles and fuels, through the possible holding of a workshop on ecological developments in the transport of perishable foodstuffs.

(e) Consideration of the work of ~~methods developed by~~ the IIR Sub-Commissions on testing stations and ~~study of the procedures for~~ energy labelling. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2011: To be aware of the work done by IIR relating to the transport of perishable foodstuffs and to promote activities by WP.11 ~~collect information~~ on energy labelling,

- (f) Elaboration of an ATP Handbook. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2010: To have a final version of the Handbook including the revised annexes.

- (g) Compatibility between European legislation and ATP. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2011: To cooperate with the European Commission of the European Communities with the aim of harmonizing European regulations with ATP.

- (h) Review of activities on the transport of perishable foodstuffs Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2009: Adoption of the biennial evaluation of the work of WP.11 for submission to the Inland Transport Committee.

- (i) Promotion of ATP in countries not yet Contracting Parties in and outside the UNECE region with a view to promoting international safe trade in perishable foodstuffs. Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2011: Presenting ATP in international conferences on harmonization and facilitation of international transport.

ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION

- (j) Consideration of proposals to extend the scope of ATP to cover the ~~on the conditions of~~ transport of fresh fruit and vegetables (2009) Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2010: To finish the consideration of the feasibility of introducing rules for the transport of fresh fruit and vegetables into ATP.

- (k) Consideration of amendment proposals relating to test methods and procedures for the approval of multi-compartment and multi temperature vehicles, to take account of technical developments (2010). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2010: The entry into force of a new amendment to ATP on multi-compartment and multi-temperature vehicles.

- (l) Review of the treatment approval of kit bodies under ATP (2009). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2009. Common understanding among Contracting Parties of how kit bodies should be treated under ATP. The entry into force of a new amendment to ATP on the approval of kit bodies.

- (m) Securing of ATP documents (2010). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2010: Entry into force of new model ATP certificate and consideration of other ways amendments to the ATP and adoption of recommendations on the best means of securing ATP documents.

- (n) Revision of ATP paragraphs 29 and 49 (2010). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2010: Drafting of a text for the revision of ATP paragraphs 29 and 49.
