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Programme of work and biennial evaluation

Programme of work for 2016-2017, draft work plan for 2016-2020 and biennial evaluation for 2016-2017

Note by the secretariat

1. The WP.11 examines and approves its draft programme of work every two years. Once adopted by WP.11, the draft programme of work is forwarded to the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and once adopted it becomes part of the programme of work of the ITC. The draft programme of work for 2016-2017 appears in Annex I.
2. The WP.11 is also invited to discuss and adopt its draft work plan for 2016-2020 which appears in Annex II.
3. As in previous biennia, WP.11 is also expected to draw up a draft expected accomplishment related to its area of work as well as related indicators of achievement.
4. At its sixty-ninth session in 2013, WP.11 adopted the proposal that appears below which was subsequently endorsed by the Inland Transport Committee.

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
Transport of perishable foodstuffs	Enhanced and updated international requirements for the transport of perishable foodstuffs	<p>(a) Percentage of total of non-editorial amendment proposals adopted by WP.11</p> <p>Performance measures: Estimation: 2012-2013: 10% Target: 2014-2015: 25%</p> <p>(b) Total number of Contracting Parties to the ATP Agreement</p> <p>Performance measures: Baseline: 2013: 48</p>

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
		Target: 2014-2015: 50
		(c) Number of countries replying to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP
		Performance measures: Baseline: 2013: 16 Target: 2014-2015: 20

5. The Working Party is invited to evaluate the performance of its activities in view of the expected accomplishments and related indicators drawn up in 2013. For this purpose, it may wish to review the draft accomplishment account below, consisting of an evaluation of the results achieved until July 2015, discuss the lessons learned and take programmatic measures.

Draft advance accomplishment account

(a) Percentage of total of non-editorial amendment proposals adopted by WP.11

6. At its seventieth session in 2014, WP.11 adopted a total of 24 proposed amendments to the ATP which appear in annexes I and II to the report of the session, ECE/TRANS/WP.11/231. Few of these can be considered editorial. The number of non-editorial amendments to be adopted at the seventy-first session of WP.11 in 2015 will not be known until after the session (6-9 October 2015) but it is already possible to assume that the percentage of non-editorial amendments will exceed the 25% target for 2014-2015. The WP.11 may wish to select a new indicator of achievement to replace "the percentage of non-editorial amendments proposals adopted by WP.11". It could be "percentage of total of proposals adopted by WP.11".

(b) Total number of Contracting Parties to the ATP

7. At the time of writing, there are 49 Contracting Parties to the ATP. The target of two new Contracting Parties to the ATP has therefore not been achieved so far in the biennium 2014-2015. The most recent Contracting Party is Saudi Arabia in January 2016. There is still potential for new Contracting Parties to the Agreement. Of the 56 UNECE member States, Armenia, Canada, Cyprus, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Malta, San Marino, Switzerland and Turkmenistan are not yet ATP Contracting Parties. The ATP is also being promoted to other countries in the Mediterranean area such as Algeria, Egypt, Israel and Jordan. These countries are already parties to other UNECE legal instruments. It is recommended that this indicator of achievement be kept in 2016-2017.

(c) Number of countries replying to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP

8. In 2014, 19 countries replied to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP. In 2015, at the time of writing, 19 countries had replied. The indicator of achievement of 20 countries replying has therefore not been achieved. It is recommended that this indicator of achievement be kept in 2016-2017.

Proposed evaluation for the 2016-2017 biennium

9. The WP.11 is invited to discuss, modify and adopt the proposed biennial evaluation for 2016-2017 which appears below and which will be submitted to the seventy-ninth session of the ITC in 2016.

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
Transport of perishable foodstuffs	Enhanced and updated international requirements for the transport of perishable foodstuffs	<p>(a) Percentage of total of non-editorial amendment proposals adopted by WP.11</p> <p>Performance measures: Estimate: 2014-2015: 30% Target: 2016-2017: 50%</p> <p>(b) Total number of Contracting Parties to the ATP</p> <p>Performance measures: Baseline: 2014-2015: 49 Target: 2016-2017: 51</p> <p>(c) Number of countries replying to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP</p> <p>Performance measures: Baseline: 2014-2015: 19 Target: 2016-2017: 22</p>

Annex I

Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2016–2017 biennium

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 12 Transport of perishable foodstuffs

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
<p>The main aims of the cluster are to:</p> <p>Initiate and pursue actions aimed at enhancing the preservation of the quality of perishable foodstuffs during their carriage, particularly in international transport;</p> <p>Promote the facilitation of international transport of perishable foodstuffs by harmonizing the relevant regulations and rules and the administrative procedures and documentation requirements to which this transport is subject;</p> <p>Develop and update the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP), concluded in Geneva in 1970;</p> <p>Ensure harmonization of the ATP with other relevant legal instruments and standards on the transport of perishable foodstuffs developed in other fora;</p> <p>Main actions by the Sustainable Transport Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Act as secretariat to the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11);- Issue updated publications of the ATP (paper and internet) and ATP Handbook (internet only);- Organize activities, including workshops, aimed at enhancing implementation of the ATP and promoting accession by other States;- Cooperate with Governments and other actors (intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations) in the field of refrigerated transport	<p>Enhanced and updated international requirements for the transport of perishable foodstuffs</p>

Outputs/activities*(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

12.1 Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11): seventy-second session (4-7 October 2016), seventy-third session (dates to be decided in 2017) (16 meetings).

Reports of the annual sessions of WP.11 (2); Series of documents concerning, *inter alia*, the following subjects: exchange of information on the implementation of the ATP; proposals of amendments to the ATP and its annexes; proposals for additions to the ATP Handbook; proposals on the possible extension of the scope of ATP; programme of work, biennial evaluation and work plan (2).

(b) Publications and other information material

12.2 2016-2017 issue of the publication of the ATP (1);

12.3 Updates of the ATP Handbook on the Sustainable Transport Division website.

(c) Technical cooperation

12.4 Activities, including possible workshops, aimed at enhancing implementation of the ATP, promoting accession by countries in and outside the UNECE region, and at reducing the environmental impact of refrigerated transport;

12.5 Cooperation with other organizations working in the field of refrigerated transport including the International Association of the Body and Trailer Building Industry, the International Institute of Refrigeration and Transfrigoroute International.

Annex II

Draft work plan for 2016-2020

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 ensure the ATP is updated in line with technical progress as necessary. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2017: Entry into force of amendments to the annexes to ATP and issuance of the consolidated text of ATP as a United Nations sales publication.

(b) Exchange of information on the implementation of ATP in accordance with article 6. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2016: Increased number of replies to the questionnaire on the implementation of ATP.

(c) Keeping informed of progress made in the development of standards by the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) dealing with the same issues covered by ATP. Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2016: Understanding the impact of the new CEN standards on the ATP and how they could benefit the ATP.

(d) Consideration of developments in new refrigerants and insulating materials used for the carriage of perishable foodstuffs. Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2018: Contribution to the exchange of information on ways to reduce the environmental impact of ATP equipment.

(e) Consideration of the work of the IIR sub-commission on refrigerated transport. Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2016: Support for the work done by the IIR sub-commission and benefitting from its prior consideration of technical proposals transmitted to WP.11.

(f) Updating of the ATP Handbook Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2016: Ensure the regular updating of the ATP Handbook with the aim of aiding interpretation, harmonization and

application of the ATP.

- (g) Cooperation with the European Union on issues relating to ATP Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2017: To develop contacts with the European Union in areas relating to ATP.

- (h) Review of activities on the transport of perishable foodstuffs Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2016: Use of the biennial evaluation to identify areas for improvement in the work of WP.11.

- (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 and reducing losses of foodstuffs in developing countries due to inappropriate transport conditions. Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2016: Raising awareness of the benefits of ATP and attracting new Contracting Parties.

Activities of a limited duration

- (j) Consideration of the possible introduction of a definition of perishable foodstuffs in the ATP Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2016: Consensus on whether a definition is necessary.

- (k) Consideration of amendment proposals relating to multi-compartment multi temperature equipment Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2016: Entry into force of a testing procedure and distinguishing marks for in-service multi-compartment multi-temperature equipment.

- (l) Revision of annex 1, appendix 1 of the ATP with a view to improving its logic and clarifying its provisions Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2018: Agreement on the revision of annex 1 appendix 1.

- (m) Exclusion of curtain-sided bodies under the ATP Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2016: Entry into force of provisions banning such equipment and of the transitional measures to phase them out.

- (n) Discussion regarding the K values specified in the ATP for in-service equipment and the influence of ageing on K values Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2018: Consensus on whether a compromise is possible between the different positions on this subject.

- (o) Consideration of the possibility of combining annexes 2 and 3 of the ATP and extending the monitoring of air temperature to the carriage of chilled foodstuffs Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2016: Possible consensus on the proposal.

(p) Consideration of proposals relating to the testing of equipment and appliances including in-service non autonomous equipment, equipment used for both cooling and heating and thermal appliances working on liquefied gas Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2016: Entry into force of amendments to the ATP.

(q) Consideration of the revision of the class temperatures of ATP equipment taking into account other standards and regulations on foodstuffs Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2016: Possible adoption of new temperatures.

(r) Consideration of ways to measure the external surface area of panel vans with the aim of standardizing the testing of their K values Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2016: Entry into force of an amendment to the ATP.

(s) Development of a restructured and better organized ATP that is clearer for all users Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2018: Adoption of a final draft of the restructured ATP.
