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**Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to the  
Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous  
Goods: packagings**

**Information concerning EU ongoing initiatives for  
digitalisation of freight transport documents/information  
exchanges**

**Transmitted by the expert from the European Commission**

**Introduction**

1. The present document aims to inform the Sub-Committee with regard to the ongoing European Union initiatives for digitalisation of freight transport documents/information exchanges.
2. The European Commission presented a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on electronic Freight Transport Information (eFTI)<sup>1</sup> on 17 May 2018. The proposal is currently under review by the EU co-legislators.
3. Works concerning digitalisation at EU level are ongoing within the Digital Transport and Logistics Forum (DTLF), which advises the Commission on aspects related to the eFTI Regulation implementation specifications. The developments within this group are available online<sup>2</sup>, and we are confident that they will be helpful in supporting the activities of the Telematics Working Group of RID/ADR Joint Meeting.
4. The Commission will update the UN-SCETDG on the progress achieved on this subject.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2017-2546864\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2017-2546864_en)

<sup>2</sup> [www.dtlf.eu](http://www.dtlf.eu)



# EU ongoing initiatives for digitalisation of freight transport documents/information exchanges

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# EU ongoing initiatives

## Regulation on electronic freight transport information (eFTI)

- draft tabled by European Commission on 17 May 2018
- currently under review by EU co-legislators
- expected adoption end 2019/early 2020
- expected start of application 2024/2026

## Digital Transport and Logistics Forum (DTLF)

- Expert Group coordinated by the European Commission
- 1st mandate: June 2015 – September 2018
- 2<sup>nd</sup> mandate: as of September 2018
- advises the Commission on aspects related to the eFTI Regulation implementation specifications

# (draft) eFTI Regulation – Main elements 1/3

A **harmonised EU framework** for business-to-authority electronic exchange of freight transport information

- 1. information (already) required by EU and Member States (MS) legislation** (including on dangerous goods) setting the conditions for the transport of goods within the EU or on a MS territory;

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### 2. obligation of all competent authorities in all EU MS

- to **accept the information electronically** - (only) **if** presented in compliance with certain requirements/technical specifications (defined by the eFTI Regulation/eFTI secondary legislation);
- to **use the same requirements/technical specifications** for acceptance (defined by the eFTI Regulation Regulation/eFTI secondary legislation)

### 3. no obligation for the economic operators to present the information electronically, **but if opting** for the electronic form

- should use **platforms or service providers that are certified** to comply with certain requirements/technical specifications (defined by the eFTI Regulation Regulation/eFTI secondary legislation);

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### **4. defined requirements** (and technical specifications – via eFTI secondary legislation) **for platforms' functionalities** and, respectively, **service providers' obligations**

- to ensure data authenticity, integrity, availability, multilingualism, security and interoperability;

### **5. third-party certification** scheme for platform and services providers

- uniform certification rules;
- one-time certification (when received in one MS, valid in all MS).

# Digital Transport and Logistics Forum Mandate

Provide a platform for structural dialogue, exchange and provision of technical expertise, cooperation and coordination between the Commission, Member States and relevant stakeholders

- ✓ Facilitate cooperation and foster coordination between the Commission, Member States and key stakeholders in the field of digital transport and logistics
- ✓ Provide advice and technical expertise to the Commission on the development and implementation of standards, legislation, policies, projects and programmes
- ✓ Assist the Commission in the preparation of delegated and implementing acts in the field of digital transport and logistics
- ✓ Exchange information, experience and good practice in the field of digital transport and logistics
- ✓ Deliver opinions, reports, and develop and propose innovative solutions to the Commission, either at the latter's request or on its own initiative, on any matter of relevance to the digitalisation of the transport and logistics sector in the Union.



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