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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Revised provisional agenda for the session

#### Addendum

### Annotations

*Note by the secretariat: As a result of the coronavirus pandemic and the measures implemented by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and ATP Contracting Parties to protect public health, such as travel restrictions, it was decided to postpone the seventy-sixth session of the Working Party. The session, initially scheduled from 7 to 9 April, will be held from 13 to 16 October 2020 in place of the seventy-seventh session. Official documents submitted to the April session or their revised version remain on the agenda.*

#### 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. Election of officers

The WP.11 is expected to elect a Chair and Vice-Chairs for its session in 2020.

#### 3. Activities of ECE bodies of interest to the Working Party

##### (a) Inland Transport Committee

The Working Party is invited to discuss any pending issues from the report of the eighty-first session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC), (19-22 February 2019) as reflected in paragraphs 99-104 (ECE/TRANS/288).

The Working Party is also invited to note paragraphs 87-90 from the report of the eighty-second session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC), (25-28 February 2020) (ECE/TRANS/294).

#### **Sustainable Development Goals and ITC strategy**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the topics presented by the Vice-Chair of WP.11 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/16).

#### **(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:

- Forty-seventh session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Seed Potatoes (GE.6) 16 to 17 March 2020, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Sixty-eighth session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (GE.1) 06 to 08 May 2020 Geneva, Switzerland;
- Sixty-seventh session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce (GE.2) 15 to 17 June 2020 Geneva, Switzerland;
- Twenty-eighth session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat (GE.11) 02 to 04 September 2020 Geneva, Switzerland;
- Seventy-sixth session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) 16 to 17 November 2020 Geneva, Switzerland.

The latest UNECE tool to combat food loss and waste can be found at <http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/unece-foodlosschallenge.html>

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

### **4. 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 by video conference on 19 May 2020 (informal document INF.3).

#### **(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.

### **5. 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 held in Geneva from 10-13 October 2017 and 8-12 October 2018 respectively, are deemed accepted as of 6 January 2020 (depository notification C.N.5.2020.TREATIES-XI.B.22), and entered into force on 6 July 2020.

**(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 seventy-fifth session, the WP.11 thanked the 22 countries that had provided data in response to the questionnaire on the implementation of ATP in 2018 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 2019 is presented in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/17. Countries were also asked to respond to an additional question on how parcels and small containers used for the transport of perishable foodstuffs were regulated in each country, answers received by the secretariat are included in annex I to document ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/17. Countries were also requested to send the secretariat information on additional measures taken to guarantee the transport of perishable goods across borders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, answers received by the secretariat are included in annex II to said document.

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**

The Working Party may wish to consider any proposals for better implementation of ATP.

**(f) Interpretation of ATP**

The Working Party is invited to discuss the interpretation of any provisions of the ATP which are considered to be ambiguous or unclear.

**Cool down test of the multitemperature and multicompartiment (MTMC) equipment. Annex 1 Appendix 2 paragraph 6.2.1 (iii) of the ATP Agreement**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Finland (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/9).

**Clarifications regarding the authorization of test stations and the appointment of experts for monitoring the compliance of vehicles in use with ATP**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the Russian Federation (informal document INF.2).

## **6. Proposals of amendments to ATP**

### **(a) Pending proposals**

#### **Definition of the independence of a unit taking into account mixed energy source technologies**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/1/Rev.1).

#### **Amendment relating to the use of checks to be carried out under paragraph 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.11/2020/3/Rev.1).

#### **Amendments 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 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.11/2020/4/Rev.1).

#### **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.11/2020/5/Rev.1).

#### **Addition to the ATP of provisions for the competent authorities of Contracting Parties to publish on their websites lists of all ATP certificates issued**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/6).

#### **Amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 2**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/7).

#### **Proposal to amend Annex 1, Appendix 2, Model test report No. 12 after “(d) Remarks:” Validity of test reports for mechanical refrigeration units**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/10).

#### **Degrees Celsius and Kelvin**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Spain (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/11).

#### **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.11/2020/12).

### **(b) New proposals**

#### **Possibility of voluntarily extending the scope of the bilateral and multilateral agreements resulting from the ATP Agreement to foodstuffs likely to become unfit for human consumption**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/2).

**Amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 2 paragraph 2.2.1**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Spain (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/13).

**Proposals for amendment of the ATP by the informal working group on the improvement of the approval system of ATP equipment and thermal appliances**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the Netherlands on behalf of the informal working group (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/14).

**7. ATP Handbook****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.11/2020/5/Rev.1).

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](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/atp_handbook.html).

**8. Reports of informal working groups**

Reports of informal working groups received after the issuance of the present annotated agenda will be made available as informal documents.

**9. 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 ATP and the future**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the topics presented by the Vice-Chair of WP.11 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/8).

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>.

**10. 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.

**11. Programme of work****Dates of the seventy-seventh session**

The dates of 26-29 October 2021 (Tuesday to Friday) have been reserved for the seventy-seventh session of WP.11.

## **12. Other business**

### **Discussion on the feedback of Round table discussion October 2018**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the topics and proposals presented by the Vice-Chair of WP.11 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/15).

## **13. Adoption of the report**

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

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