

**Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport, 157th session
9 and 10 June 2021**

Items for decision under silence procedure

Decisions submitted to silence procedure following formal meetings with remote participation

Agenda item	Para.	Document No (link)	Decision
2	10	https://unece.org/DAM/transport/bcf/wp30/documents/2020/ECE-TRANS-WP30-2020-01e.pdf https://unece.org/DAM/transport/bcf/wp30/documents/2020/ECE-TRANS-WP30-2020-08e.pdf	10. The Working Party established that, although there seemed limited interest of delegations in this exercise, it had nevertheless led to important insights and that, therefore, it seemed appropriate to continue this exercise at its next session. The secretariat requested delegations to further pursue their assessment of the future relevance of the legal instruments under the aegis of the Working Party and report back any development at the next session.
3 (c) (i)	20	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP30-2021-02e.pdf	20. The Working Party discussed the various options and established that, for now, there seemed to be a slight favour for the proposal in Annex II, (amended wording of the comment). The delegation of Iran (Islamic Republic of) as well as some other delegations stated that they could also see some merit in the proposal for a generic comment, as contained in Annex III of the said document. Delegations were requested to, once more, review both options. The Working Party decided to revert to the issue at its next session.
3 (c) (ii) (b)	26	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-05/ECE-TRANS-WP30-2021-06e.pdf	26. Under this agenda item, the Working Party considered and approved the list of questions and answers (Q&A) on the application of various provisions of the TIR Convention for TIR transports carried out under the eTIR procedure, contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2021/6 and requested the secretariat to include them in the Q&A section of the eTIR website.
3 (c) (vi)	33	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP30-2020-03r1e.pdf	33. The Working Party considered and approved the final study, contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2020/3/Rev.1, subject to the deletion of paragraph 6 of the said document. With this deletion, the Working Party, at the request of AC.2, established that OIOS recommendation No. 7a should be considered implemented and closed.
5 (b)	37 and 38	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP30-2021-04e.pdf	37. The Working Party took note of document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2021/4, in combination with Informal document WP.30 (2021) No. 6 by the Organization for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD) with some additional proposals for questions to add to the draft survey. Due to a lack of time, the Working Party decided to revert to the issue at its next session, inviting delegations to carefully consider the accuracy and efficiency of the questions raised.

			<p>38. Due to a lack of time, the Working Party did not consider another decision of ITC, taken at that same session, in which it “encouraged interested countries to accede to the United Nations Conventions in the field of border crossing facilitation, to foster digital information exchange, and promptly implement the provisions of Annex 11 to the TIR Convention, launching the eTIR system, and urged all contracting parties to comply with the provisions of the Harmonization Convention, 1982 for the sake of addressing the COVID-19 pandemic (ITC Informal document No. 8/Rev. 5 (2021), decision No. 58).” The Working Party decided to revert to this issue at its next session.</p>
6 (b)	42	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP30-2021-05e.pdf	<p>42. The Working Party considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2021/5, containing the MoU. On the understanding that no financial implications were involved on either side, the Working Party endorsed the MoU and invited parties to engage in its implementation. The Working Party mandated the secretariat to submit the MoU to the Executive Commission (EXCOM) of ECE for final approval. The Working Party requested parties to regularly report on progress made. The delegation of the European Commission encouraged stakeholders to draw from the recent experiences in the dematerialization of the ATA¹ Carnet and to inform the World Customs Organization about this initiative. It also expressed a word of caution with regard to any Information Technology (IT) development which could lead to new IT developments in customs administrations.</p>
9	45 + 46		<p>45. The Working Party decided to hold its 158th session on 12, 13 and 15 (a.m.) October 2021 and the 159th session on 8, 9 and 11 (a.m.) February 2022, subject to potential adjustments due to the ongoing COVID pandemic and the United Nations liquidity crisis.</p> <p>46. Against this background, the delegation of the European Union noted that the reduced time allotted to the meetings of WP.30 had led to the situation where the Working Party was no longer in a position to carefully consider agenda items, leading to the situation where various agenda items could not be discussed due to a lack of time. It called upon the competent services at UNOG to ensure that more time was allotted to future sessions of the Working Party in order to allow for a reasonable conduct of business.</p>

¹ ATA stands for “Admission Temporaire / Temporary Admission”