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Addendum

Annotations

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. Activities of ECE bodies of interest to the Working Party

(a) Inland Transport Committee

The Working Party is invited to note paragraphs 91-94 from the report of the eighty-second session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC), (23-26 February 2021) (ECE/TRANS/304).

The Working Party is also invited to note paragraphs 11-14 and 15-18 of ECE/TRANS/304 with the outcomes of the policy segment titled "Back to a sustainable future: achieving resilient connectivity for post-COVID-19 sustained recovery and economic growth" and the Meeting on the implementation of the ITC strategy for Government Delegates only with the Participation of the Chairs of the Committee's Subsidiary Bodies, respectively.

(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:

- Twenty-ninth session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat (GE.11) 07 - 08 September 2021, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Seventy-sixth session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) 15 - 17 November 2021, Geneva, Switzerland.



The latest UNECE tool to combat food loss and waste can be found at <https://unece.org/trade/wp7/food-loss-and-waste>

For more information on these and other activities, please visit WP.7 website at <https://unece.org/trade/working-party-agricultural-quality-standards-wp7>.

3. 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 28 April 2021 (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.

4. 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-fifth and seventy-sixth sessions held in Geneva from 8 to 11 October 2019 and from 13 to 16 October 2020, respectively, and contained in Annex II to the report ECE/TRANS/WP.11/241 and Annex I to the report ECE/TRANS/WP.11/243, respectively, (depositary notification C.N.79.2021.TREATIES-XI.B.22), were notified to ATP Contracting Parties by the United Nations Treaty Section on 4 March 2021.

On 6 April 2021, the Government of Germany, in accordance with Article 18 (2) (b) of the ATP, informed the Secretary-General that although it intended to accept the proposals, the conditions for such acceptance were not yet fulfilled (C.N.121.2021.TREATIES-XI.B.22). Therefore, proposals of amendments adopted at the 2019 and 2020 sessions of WP.11 will be deemed accepted only if, before the expiry of a period of nine months following the initial notification period of six months, the Government of Germany does not notify an objection to the proposed amendments.

Proposed correction to the ATP adopted at the seventy-fifth session of WP.11 in 2019 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/241, Annex III) was notified to ATP Contracting Parties by the United Nations Treaty Section on 4 March 2021 (C.N.80.2021.TREATIES-XI.B.22). Correction was deemed accepted on 7 June 2021 (C.N.159.2021.TREATIES-XI.B.22).

(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 link: <https://unece.org/atp-competent-authorities-and-testing-stations>.

(d) Exchange of information among Parties under Article 6 of ATP

At the seventy-sixth session, the WP.11 thanked the 23 countries that had provided data in response to the questionnaire on the implementation of ATP in 2019 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 2020 is presented in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/1. 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.11/2021/1. 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 <https://unece.org/atp-competent-authorities-and-testing-stations>.

(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**Temperature recorders**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal submitted the Netherlands (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/19).

Discussion document on K Value

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/21).

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

5. 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.2).

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 2020

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/3/Rev.2).

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 materials

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/4/Rev.2).

Amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 2 paragraph 3.2.6 and the ATP Handbook

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/5/Rev.2).

Introduction of type examination certificates as a means of establishing conformity of design and of testing carried out in accordance with ATP protocols

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/5).

(b) New proposals

Editorial correction in formula in appendix 2, annex 1, procedure 4.5.2

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Spain (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/2).

Amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 2 paragraph 1.2, Testing Method C

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Spain (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/3 and informal document INF.2).

Inclusion of an additional iterative method for tanks to Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 1.2

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Spain (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/4 and informal document INF.2).

Amendment to model reports that define how to determine the effective refrigerating capacity of a refrigeration unit, in order to take into account the impact of different software versions on the performance of said units

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/6).

Proposal of amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 6.2.3: Replacement of the original refrigerant fluid by other refrigerant fluid

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/7).

Simplification of the procedure for measuring the capacity of liquefied gas refrigeration units

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/8).

Editorial amendment concerning a terminology error in the Russian and English versions of paragraph 7.3.7 of Annex 1, Appendix 2 of the ATP applicable from 6 July 2020

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/9).

Possibility of voluntary extending the scope of bilateral and multilateral agreements under the ATP Agreement to foodstuffs that may become unfit for human consumption

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/10).

Proposal to amend Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 7.1 (a) and Annex 1, Appendix 4 Definition of multi-compartment equipment and distinguishing marks of multitemp equipment with unconditioned compartments

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/14).

Proposal to amend Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7: Correction of the table

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/15).

Proposal to amend Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraphs 7.3.2, 7.3.3 and 7.3.4: Reference of multitemp calculations

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/16).

Proposal to amend Annex 1, Appendix 1, paragraphs 6 (a) and (b) and Annex 1, Appendix 2, Model No. 12: Validity of test reports for mechanical refrigeration units

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/17).

Proposals by the Informal Working Group on the improvement of the approval system of equipment and thermal appliances

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal submitted by the Government of the Netherlands on behalf of the informal working group (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/18).

Amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 4

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/20).

Temporary ATP certificates for prototype equipment for Field Trial Testing

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Transfrigoroute International (TI) (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/22).

6. ATP Handbook

Amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 2 paragraph 3.2.6 and the ATP Handbook

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2020/5/Rev.2).

Amendment to paragraph 7.3.6 of Annex 1 Appendix 2 of the ATP Handbook: Treatment of specific application cases using the multi-temperature equipment dimensioning tool

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/11).

Amendments to paragraph 6 (c) (iii) of Appendix 1 to Annex 1 of the ATP Handbook: Rules to be observed for the installation of mounted units, units with deflectors, under-frame units or units that can be offset

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/12).

Amendments to the comments on Appendix 1 of Annex 2 paragraph 4 of the ATP Handbook: Positions of temperature measurement probes during transport

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2021/13).

The latest version of the ATP Handbook appears on the Transport Division website in English, French and Russian at the following link: <https://unece.org/atp-handbook>.

7. 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.

8. 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 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: <https://unece.org/road-map-accession-and-implementation-atp>.

9. 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.

10. Programme of work

Dates of the seventy-eighth session

The dates of 2 and 4-6 May 2022 (Monday and Wednesday to Friday) have been reserved for the seventy-eighth session of WP.11.

Dates of the seventy-ninth session

The dates of 25-28 October 2022 (Tuesday to Friday) have been reserved for the seventy-ninth session of WP.11.

11. Election of officers

The WP.11 is expected to elect a Chair and Vice-Chairs for its sessions in 2022.

12. Other business

The WP.11 may wish to consider any other business under this item.

13. Adoption of the report

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