

**Informal meeting on Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units  
at the request of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Working Party on  
Intermodal Transport and Logistics**

Geneva and virtual, 29-30 March 2023

**Annotated provisional agenda for the 2023 first informal  
meeting**

starting at 12.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 March 2023

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**1. Introduction**

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) at its 65<sup>th</sup> session (Geneva, 19-21 October 2022) prolonged the informal pre-work on CTU Code for one more year to continue: (i) assess which areas of the CTU Code need to be prioritized in the updates, and (ii) consider text usage of the CTU Code in the mobile application. The informal pre-work is prolonged due to continuous absence of a decision on the establishment of an official group of experts on the CTU Code.

Experts participating in the informal pre-work on the CTU Code are requested to advance further the work on both tasks, and to report progress achieved to WP.24 at its 66<sup>th</sup> session in October 2023.

**2. Chair for the meeting**

Participants may wish to appoint a chair for the meeting to facilitate the discussions.

### 3. Agenda of the meeting

Experts are invited to follow the agenda as contained in the current document for the first 2023 informal meeting.

#### Documentation

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### 4. Updates to the CTU Code

The pre-work carried out in 2022 resulted in preparation of proposals for updates to the CTU Code as follows:

- (i) to clause 5.3 (Annex 7) on transporting solid bulk cargo in CTUs
- (ii) to clause 5.2 (Annex 7) on transport of liquids in flexitanks
- (iii) to clause 2.3 (Annex 7) on blocking material and arrangements, and review of blocking terms
- (iv) to section 4 (Appendix 4, Annex 7) on cargo securing with dunnage bags
- (v) to clause 4.2 (Annex 7) on package stability
- (vi) to clause 3.1.1 to 3.1.3 (Annex 7) to incorporate guidance for bedding arrangements in the CTU Code and in section (appendix 4, annex 7) with detailed calculations for design of bedding arrangements
- (vii) to section 3 (Annex 7) on load positioning
- (viii) to Chapter 10, new section 10.4 on stabilizers
- (ix) to clause 5.3 of Chapter 5 on acceleration coefficients for rail transport, and
- (x) consistency changes for unit of measurements

These proposals have been submitted by the secretariat to the 65<sup>th</sup> session of WP.24 and comments have been requested from ECE member States on the proposals by 24 February 2023.

The comments received are provided in:

- CTU-Code/2023/first-informal-meeting/3 – comments to changes to clauses 5.3 and 5.2
- CTU-Code/2023/first-informal-meeting/4 – comments to changes to clause 2.3 and section 4
- CTU-Code/2023/first-informal-meeting/5 – comments to changes to new section 4.2 and to Chapter 10

Participants are invited to review the comments received and propose further changes to the commented clauses and sections as appropriate.

Moreover, the pre-work done in 2022 also concluded that discussion needs to continue on the following topics:

- (i) Prevention of pest contamination
- (ii) Chains of responsibilities with focus on the review of definitions for terms used in the CTU Code, and

(iii) Use of terms such as placards, labels, marks and signs.

In this regard, participants are invited to consider the documents listed below with changes proposed to the CTU Code

- CTU-Code/2023/first-informal-meeting/6 – prevention of pest contamination
- CTU-Code/2023/first-informal-meeting/7 – consolidated definitions
- CTU-Code/2023/first-informal-meeting/8 – chains of responsibility and information
- CTU-Code/2023/first-informal-meeting/9 – use of terms

Participants are invited to consider these documents and make proposals, as appropriate, for possible updates to the CTU Code.

#### **Documentation**

CTU-Code/2023/first-informal-meeting/3

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## **5. CTU Code mobile application**

Further to the discussions at the second meeting in 2022, and intersessional discussions held, participants are invited to review the mechanism worked-out for assisting users in finding relevant information in the CTU Code for safe packing of CTUs. This mechanism is to filter information from the CTU Code relevant to a type of CTU used for transport, a commodity and its packaging. CTU-Code/2023/first-informal-meeting/10 provides information on the lists developed for the three selection criteria and the thinking behind.

The CTU Code sections or clauses were mapped as per these lists. In this way, the necessary material has been prepared for the development of the digital application, which should allow users a friendly and swift identification of relevant information for safe CTU packing. The mapping will be presented to participants.

Participants will then be invited to discuss next steps.

#### **Documentation**

CTU-Code/2023/first-informal-meeting/10

## **6. Other Business**

Experts will have the opportunity to inform of any other business related to the informal pre-work on the CTU Code. The secretariat will inform the meeting about the outcomes of the meeting of the ECE Inland Transport Committee relevant to the work on the CTU Code.

## **7. Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is proposed to take place on 6 and 7 July 2023.

### **Work schedule:**

Wed, 29 March: 12 pm to 4 pm CET

Thu, 30 March: 12 pm to 4 pm CET