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**Bureau overview of developments**

## United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business Bureau Report of Developments

### Addendum

#### *Summary*

This Addendum outlines the decisions and representation which have taken place since the finalization and submission of document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2021/4.

Document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2021/4/Add.1 is submitted by the Bureau to the twenty-seventh UN/CEFACT Plenary for information.



1. Since the submission of the official Bureau report, document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2021/4, the following points are to be added:

- There have been five additional Bureau calls, bringing the total for this reporting period to sixteen regular Bureau calls during which project developments and procedural points were discussed.
- There have been thirty-one additional Bureau decisions, bringing the total for this period to one hundred and two; the additional decisions are provided in Annex 1 in compliance with the *Consolidated UN/CEFACT Mandate and Terms of Reference* (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2017/15) article 49.
- One Vice Chair (VC) has needed to temporarily excuse himself from his responsibilities (VC Benno Slot); the Bureau has asked the former VC in charge of this same area, Mr. Harm Jan van Burg to temporarily take over as “Acting Vice Chair” until VC Slot is in a position to return to his responsibilities (Bureau decision 2103102).
- One Domain Coordinator, Mr. Frans van Diepen of the AGRI Domain, has retired and requested to step down from these responsibilities. The Bureau has nominated two Domain Coordinators to jointly take on these responsibilities: Mr. Erik Bosker and Ms. Gaëlle Cheruy Pottiau (Bureau decision 2103095). Their mandate is scheduled to cover the remaining mandate of Mr. Van Diepen; the AGRI Domain will therefore still be in line with the nomination schedule of all other domains (next nominations would be planned for June 2022).
- There have been nineteen additional events at which UN/CEFACT was officially represented, listed in Annex 2, bringing the total for the period up to fifty-eight.
- There have been thirty-one additional experts approved, bringing the current total to 1578 experts registered within UN/CEFACT.

## Annex I: List of Bureau decisions June to December 2020

| <i>Decision number</i> | <i>Decision date</i> | <i>Description of the decision</i>   |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>2101077</b>         | 2021-01-04           | The Bureau approved the guide with a change in title to: “Implementation Guide for UN/CEFACT eCERT standard for SPS”.  |
| <b>2101078</b>         | 2021-01-04           | The Bureau approved the update to the draft development milestone of the T+L IMO eFAL project.   |
| <b>2101079</b>         | 2021-01-04           | The Bureau decided to archive the INS Health Claim project due to lack of advancement.   |
| <b>2101080</b>         | 2021-01-04           | The Bureau approved a draft development milestone extension until 30 June 2021 for all projects nearing their milestone deadline.  |
| <b>2101081</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The meeting report of 4 January 2021 was approved as written.  |
| <b>2101082</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The Bureau approved the Call to Action on the Use of UN/CEFACT Standards.  |
| <b>2101083</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The Bureau approved the UN/CEFACT Programme of Work 2021-2022 to be presented to the Plenary.  |
| <b>2101084</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The Bureau approved the TPF Pandemic Crisis recommendation to be presented to the Plenary and move to Project Exit.  |
| <b>2101085</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The Bureau approved the version 1.1 of the SPEC RDM2API project’s JSON LD Vocabulary Guidelines for internal publication.  |
| <b>2101086</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The Bureau approved a change in project leader for the A+A Accounting and Audit Reference Data Model project to Ms. Elina Koskentalo.  |
| <b>2101087</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The Bureau approved an updated version of the T+L/TPF Ship Agent Recommendation following input from the secretariat.  |
| <b>2101088</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The Bureau requested to schedule a virtual Forum for 27 April to 7 May 2021.   |
| <b>2101089</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The Bureau nominated Mr. Harm Jan van Burg as advisor to the Bureau to assist with the preparations of the UN/CEFACT Forums.   |
| <b>2102090</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The meeting report of 25 January 2021 was approved as written.   |
| <b>2102091</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The Bureau approved the SCMP White Paper on Supply Chain Cross-Industry Track and Trace for publication and presentation to the twenty seventh Plenary.  |
| <b>2102092</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The Bureau approved the SPEC Guide on RDM2API UML Profile for internal publication pending update of diagram in 4.1.1.   |
| <b>2102093</b>         | 2021-01-25           | The Bureau approved the two AGRI Sustainable Textile Traceability BRS for Publication and Project Exit.  |
| <b>2103094</b>         | 2021-03-08           | The meeting report of 15 February 2021 was approved as written.  |
| <b>2103095</b>         | 2021-03-08           | The Bureau nominated Mr. Erik Bosker and Ms. Gaëlle Cheruy Pottiau as co-Domain Coordinators of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Agri-food Domain.   |
| <b>2103096</b>         | 2021-03-08           | The Bureau approved the first deliverables of the T+L modal project covering rail, maritime and inland waterway transport. These will be published on the website with the modal specific conventions as reference for a BRS equivalent. |
| <b>2103097</b>         | 2021-03-08           | The Bureau approved a webinar during the 36th Forum of the SWD on “Single Window and COVID-19”.  |
| <b>2103098</b>         | 2021-03-29           | The meeting report of 8 March 2021 was approved as written.  |

| <i>Decision number</i> | <i>Decision date</i> | <i>Description of the decision</i>  |
|------------------------|----------------------|---|
| <b>2103099</b>         | 2021-03-29           | The Forum Organization call report of 12 March 2021 was approved with minor modifications. It was requested to circulate the minutes to those who participated in the call.   |
| <b>2103100</b>         | 2021-03-29           | The Bureau approved the launch of a new project under TPF for a White Paper on Private Sector Engagement in Trade Facilitation with the changes proposed by the secretariat and the project leader Ms. Birgit Viohl, project co-leader Mr. Jake Shostag and supporting VC Igwe. |
| <b>2103101</b>         | 2021-03-29           | The Bureau approved the synopsis and initial schedule for the 36th Forum Webinar on “Single Window and COVID-19”.   |
| <b>2103102</b>         | 2021-03-29           | The Bureau asked Mr. Van Burg to temporarily take over as “Acting Vice Chair” until VC Slot is able to return to his responsibilities.  |

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## Annex II: Representation in meetings

### I. Meetings related to data models and interoperability

| <i>Event date</i>         | <i>Meeting name</i>   | <i>Representative</i>      | <i>Organizer</i>                          |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| <b>25-29 January 2021</b> | Data Model Project Team (DMPT)                                    | Secretariat, Chair Probert | World Customs Organization (WCO)          |
| <b>8 February 2021</b>    | Expert Group on Data Harmonization                                | Chair Probert              | International Maritime Organization (IMO) |
| <b>19 March 2021</b>      | European Union (EU) Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) Rolling Plan | Secretariat                | EC DG DIGIT                               |
| <b>15 April 2021</b>      | Expert Group on Data Harmonization                                | Secretariat, Chair Probert | IMO                                       |
| <b>16 April 2021</b>      | European Union (EU) Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) Rolling Plan | Secretariat                | EC DG DIGIT                               |

### II. Meetings related to the Digitalization of Documentation

| <i>Event date</i>       | <i>Meeting name</i>                               | <i>Representative</i> | <i>Organizer</i>                  |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>21 January 2021</b>  | GS1 Transport and Logistics sector                | Chair Probert         | GS1                               |
| <b>4 February 2021</b>  | Global access and distribution – COVID-19 Vaccine | VC Becha              | Makers and Movers cold chain 2021 |
| <b>10 February 2021</b> | Working Party 30 Plenary                          | Secretariat           | UNECE Transport Division          |
| <b>11 February 2021</b> | GS1 Transport and Logistics sector                | Chair Probert         | GS1                               |
| <b>24 March 2021</b>    | Russian Customs Academy MIM Program               | Secretariat           | Russian Customs Academy           |

### III. Meetings related to the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development

| <i>Event date</i>    | <i>Meeting name</i>   | <i>Representative</i> | <i>Organizer</i> |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>12 March 2021</b> | Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Session 3        | VC Bondarenko         | UNECE            |
| <b>17 March 2021</b> | #QuincusTalks: Creating Spaces for Females in Supply Chain" | VC Becha              | Quincus          |

### IV. Meetings related to Blockchain and new technologies

| <i>Event date</i>         | <i>Meeting name</i>         | <i>Representative</i> | <i>Organizer</i> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>13-14 January 2021</b> | Malaysia Blockchain Roadmap | VC Khan, VC Laskowski | Malaysia         |

### V. Meetings related to traceability

| <i>Event date</i>      | <i>Meeting name</i>  | <i>Representative</i> | <i>Organizer</i>  |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| <b>1 February 2021</b> | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Forum                                      | Secretariat, VC Watt  | OECD  |
| <b>8 February 2021</b> | Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development, twelfth session                                | Secretariat           | United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) |
| <b>24 March 2021</b>   | Achieving Traceability and Transparency in International Supply Chains: The Covid-19 Acceleration Effect | VC Becha, VC Watt     | Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT)       |
| <b>1 April 2021</b>    | 4th AU National GS1 Traceability Advisory Group (NGTAG) session  | Secretariat, VC Watt  | GS1 Australia   |

## VI. Other meetings

| <i>Event date</i>       | <i>Meeting name</i>   | <i>Representative</i> | <i>Organizer</i> |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>18 February 2021</b> | WTO Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise (MSME) Working Group | Secretariat           | WTO              |