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Policies and measures in support of intermodal transport:**National policy measures to promote intermodal transport****Survey on the promotion of intermodal transport****Note by the secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. At its sixty-fifth session, the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) agreed to a simple solution for reporting on national policy measures for promoting intermodal transport. Such solution should comprise a survey issued in MS Forms for completion by countries. WP.24 also agreed that the current survey should be examined and possibly redesigned to: (i) refocus it with the view to avoid duplication of information collection; and (ii) alter it in a way to allow for automatic identification of measures which WP.24 should give more attention to.

2. This document contains a proposal for redesign of the survey taking into account points (i) and (ii) above. It was prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

3. WP.24 would be expected to consider the redesigned survey and may further alter it as deemed necessary.

II. Proposed redesign Survey

4. The table below contains a proposal for reformulation of the survey. This is presented in column 2 of the table, while column 1 contains the current issues on which countries were expected to report.



<i>Current objectives and issues¹</i>	<i>Proposed reformulation and suggestions for other changes:</i>
<p>1 Importance of intermodal transport in national transport policy</p>	<p>Is intermodal freight transport of central importance in the national transport policy of your country?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p> <p>Does our country consider intermodal freight transport to be a transport solution in achieving high-level objectives such as decreasing environmental and climate pressures from transport?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
<p>2 National and international bodies</p> <p>2.1 Take measures to improve <u>national</u> policy coordination (environment, land use, transport)</p> <p>2.2 Take measures to improve <u>international</u> policy coordination (environment, land use, transport)</p>	<p>Does coordination take place between relevant national competent authorities (environment, land use, transport) to interact on environmental, land use and transport policies in your country?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p> <p>Does your country coordinate these policies interaction at international level?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
<p>3 Costs and prices</p> <p>3.1 Establish fair competition between modes</p>	<p>Did you establish in your country regulations and mechanisms to internalise external costs (pollution, noise, etc) from road transport, (e.g. through pricing of access to infrastructure/admission to traffic)?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p> <p>Does your country consider internalization of external costs from road transport as an important solution to establishing a fair competition between modes?</p> <p>Yes/No</p>

¹ For a detailed description of the issues and objectives stipulated in the ECMT Consolidated Resolution refer to ECMT document CEMT/CM(2002)3/FINAL. The objectives and issues contained in the Resolution have been consolidated by the secretariat (for example, the issues of “fair competition” and “transparent and competitive pricing” is mentioned in several indents in the ECMT Resolution).

<i>Current objectives and issues¹</i>	<i>Proposed reformulation and suggestions for other changes:</i>
	Please explain:
	Would your country be interested in exchanges of good practices on such solutions/mechanisms and results achieved?
	Yes/No
	If so, would you like WP.24 to assist exchange of these good practices?
	Yes/No
3.2 Develop cheaper and more efficient interfaces between modes of transport	Have you seen any progress in your country in establishing cheaper and more efficient interfaces between modes of transport?
	Yes/No
	If yes, which policy solutions have led to such an outcome?
	Would your country be interested in exchanges of good practices on such solutions and results achieved?
	Yes/No
	If so, would you like WP.24 to assist exchange of these good practices?
	Yes/No
4 Networks, terminals and logistics centres	
4.1 Implement international standards (e.g. AGTC Agreement and its Protocol on inland waterways)	On this issue, information is to be obtained through AGTC monitoring mechanism. This issue can be thus removed, if so agreed, from this survey.
4.2 Integrate terminal planning into national, regional or cross-border transport and land-use planning	Have you established in your country integrated solutions for terminal planning at different levels of planning (urban, regional, international)?
	Yes/No
	Please explain:
	Would your country be interested in exchanging information on integrated solutions for terminal planning at different levels of planning?
	Yes/No
	If so, would you like WP.24 to assist information exchange on integrated solutions?
	Yes/No

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4.3 Take administrative measures to improve terminal access	<p>Has your country taken any specific measure to improve (i) terminal access to all interested transport actors and (ii) terminal operations and facilities?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p> <p>What is the impact of these measures?</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
4.4 Take administrative measures to improve terminal operations and facilities	This issue has been included in 4.3 above.
5 Interoperability	
5.1 Ensure compatibility of railway information and signalling systems	<p>Has your country implemented or is implementing a standard for ensuring compatibility of railways and signalling systems?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p> <p>Would your country see the need or an advantage from introducing a common standard(s)/parameter(s) for railway information and signalling systems in the AGTC/AGC?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
5.2 Introduce electronic information systems	<p>WP.24 introduced an item in its agenda on information and data digitalization and the elaboration of a framework for this purpose. This issue of electronic information systems can be covered under that agenda item, if deemed appropriate. If so, the issue can be removed from this survey.</p>
5.3 Other measures	<p>Has your country worked out or agreed on any specific other standards or measures for interoperability (e.g. specific vehicle dimensions limits for combined transport on road, etc.)?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>

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6 Financial and fiscal support measures	<p>Should these standards or measures be included in AGTC or other UN infrastructure agreements?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
6.1 Financial support for investments (installations, rolling stock, systems, etc.)	<p>Has your country introduced financial support measures for intermodal transport-related investment? (Installations, rolling stock, systems, etc.)</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
6.2 Financial support for operations (specific, initial operations, etc.)	<p>Has your country introduced financial support/fiscal measures for intermodal transport-related operations? (bonus system, fee exemption, tax)</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
6.3 Fiscal support measures (vehicle tax, road user fee exemptions, etc.)	<p>Would your country be interested in exchanging information on financial support/fiscal measures for intermodal transport?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>If so, would you like WP.24 to assist information exchange in this field?</p> <p>Yes/No</p>
7 Regulatory support measures	<p>This issue has been integrated in the issue above (6.2).</p>
7.1 Exemption from restrictions and traffic bans	<p>Have you implemented in your country any exemptions from restriction and traffic bans applied to international road haulage in favour of intermodal/combined transport?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
7.2 Liberalization of initial and terminal hauls	<p>Have you liberalized fully or partially in your country the initial and terminal hauls?</p>

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	Yes/No Please explain:
7.3 Higher weight limits for road vehicles transporting intermodal loading units	Have you introduced higher weight limits for road vehicles transporting ITUs in your country? Yes/No Please explain:
7.4 Facilitation of documentary controls	Do you facilitate controls for intermodal transport in your country, e.g. by moving customs operations from borders to the terminals? Yes/No Please explain:
7.5 Bonus systems for using intermodal transport	This appears to be already covered through 6.2/6.3 and does not need to be repeated.
7.6 Strict enforcement of road haulage regulations	Do you have a system in place in your country to ensure strict compliance with road haulage regulations and in particular on driving and rest periods, speed limits, vehicle weights and dimensions? Yes/No Please explain:
7.7 Other regulatory support measures	Instead, general questions on exchange of good practice are proposed: Would your country be interested in exchanging information/ good practice/success stories about regulatory and support measures? Yes/No If so, would you like WP.24 to assist information exchange in this field? Yes/No
8 Transport operations	
8.1 Liberalize access to the rail networks	Has your country liberalized access to rail networks? Yes/No Please explain: If not, are there any plans to do so in the near future?

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8.2 Liberalize access to inland water transport	<p>What are the obstacles to liberalizing access?</p> <p>Has your country liberalized access to inland water transport?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p> <p>If not, are there any plans to do so in the near future?</p> <p>What are the obstacles to liberalizing access?</p> <p>And general question on exchange of good practice:</p> <p>Would your country be interested in exchanging information/ good practice/success stories about liberalizing access?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>If so, would you like WP.24 to assist information exchange in this field?</p> <p>Yes/No</p>
9 Market monitoring	
9.1 Ensure availability of coherent and reliable data	<p>Monitoring should be done through the AGTC monitoring tool as far as networks and nodes are concerned. In addition, data availability for assessing performance appears to be limited. This issue can be thus removed, if so agreed, from this survey.</p>
9.2 Establish inventories of bottlenecks	<p>Inventories of bottlenecks as far as networks and nodes are concerned will be established through the AGTC monitoring tool. This issue can be thus removed, if so agreed, from this survey.</p>
9.3 Establish short sea shipping information offices	<p>The aspect of short sea shipping could be discussed under the item on the Protocol to AGTC. Better inclusion of short sea shipping in the Protocol to AGTC could be an opportunity for making the Protocol more relevant. WP.24 may wish to consider how it would want to consider the issue of short sea shipping and so whether to keep it in this survey or not.</p>
10 Foster innovations covering all components of the transport chain	<p>Innovation</p> <p>Does your country encourage innovation advancing intermodal/combined transport?</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain and when relevant inform how this innovation influences different components of the transport chain.</p>

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	<p>Would your country be interested in exchanging information/good practice/success stories on fostering innovation?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes/No</p> <p>If so, would you like WP.24 to assist information exchange in this field?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes/No</p>
11 Operators in intermodal transport chains	
11.1 Promote cooperation and partnership agreements	<p>Does your country promote cooperation and partnership agreements?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
11.2 Promote use of intermodal transport for the transport of dangerous goods	<p>Does your country promote use of intermodal transport for the transport of dangerous goods?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
11.3 Promote use of international pools of rail wagons	<p>Does your country promote use of international pools of wagons?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
11.4 Promote operation of rail block trains between terminals	<p>Does your country promote operation of rail block trains between terminals?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
11.5 Promote use of effective and compatible EDI systems (e.g. tracking and tracing, etc.)	<p>Does your country promote use of effective and compatible EDI systems (e.g. for tracking and tracing)?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes/No</p> <p>Please explain:</p>
	<p>It is then suggested to add the question regarding interest in exchange of information on the above issues, as follows:</p>

Current objectives and issues¹

Proposed reformulation and suggestions for other changes:

Would your country be interested in exchanging information/good practice/success stories on issues covered through 11.1 to 11.5?

Yes/No

If so, would you like WP.24 to assist information exchange in this field?

Yes/No
