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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

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In accordance with WP.11's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

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Background documents

ECE/TRANS/347	ATP 2024
ECE/TRANS/WP.11/251	Report of the eightieth session of WP.11

2. Activities of ECE bodies of interest to the Working Party**(a) Inland Transport Committee**

The Working Party is invited to note paragraphs 119-121 from the report of the eighty-sixth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC), (20-23 February 2024) (ECE/TRANS/344).

WP.11 is invited to consider document ECE/TRANS/2024/9, presented at the eighty-sixth session of ITC, including the submissions of the Working Parties as part of the ITC review of their terms of reference, in accordance with the results of the 2005 reform of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the consequent guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties in ECE (ECE/EX/1). The secretariat would, on the basis of this document, carry out an intersectoral analysis and make recommendations on future priorities for the work of ITC, for consideration and possible adoption by ITC at its eighty-seventh session in 2025.

The Working Party is also invited to note the adoption of the ITC Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport contained in annex I to

ECE/TRANS/344 and that ITC had asked its relevant subsidiary bodies to align their programmes of work with this strategy.

Special consideration should be given to paragraphs 15 and 18 of ECE/TRANS/344, with the request to WP.11 to consider in addition the following issues:

- Synergies with other Working Parties or partnerships in support of the implementation of the Strategy;
- Biennial reporting on the implementation of the Strategy, as requested by the Committee starting at the Committee's eighty-eighth plenary session in 2026.

For the next session of the ITC in 2025, the Working Parties are invited to share information on their actions or plans to implement the Strategy as part of their work programme.

A member of the secretariat will give a presentation on the Inland Transport Committee's Decarbonization Strategy and its implementation (see informal document INF.3).

(b) Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

The activities of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) of interest to WP.11 in 2024 are:

- Thirty-second session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat (GE.11) 28 - 30 August 2024, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Seventy-ninth session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) 11 - 13 November 2024, 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 in Fresnes, France on 16-17 April 2024 (informal document INF.2).

(b) Transfrigoroute International

The Working Party will be informed about the recent activities of Transfrigoroute International (informal document INF.6).

(c) Standardization organizations

The Working Party will be informed about the latest updates on ISO/TC 315 (informal document INF.5).

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 52.

(b) Status of amendments

Proposed amendments to the ATP adopted by WP.11 at its seventy-seventh, seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions held in Geneva on 26-29 October 2021, 3-6 May 2022 and 25-28 October 2022 respectively, are deemed accepted as of 22 December 2023 (depository notification C.N.534.2023.TREATIES-XI.B.22) and entered into force on 22 June 2024.

(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 eightieth session in 2023, the WP.11 thanked the 23 countries that had provided data in response to the questionnaire on the implementation of ATP in 2022 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 2023 is presented in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/1.

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

Considerations from the Russian Federation on documents ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2023/6 and ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2023/9 from the eightieth session of WP.11

The Working Party may wish to consider the document from the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/11).

Changes to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/18).

The Working Party may wish to consider any proposals for better implementation of ATP.

(f) Interpretation of ATP**Interpretation of ATP**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the questions submitted by Slovenia (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/15).

Clarifying the scope of the ATP Agreement

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal submitted by Finland (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/26).

Interpretation questions

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal submitted by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/27).

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****Proposal of amendment to paragraph 7.3.7 of annex 1, appendix 2**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/2).

Proposal of amendment to paragraph 7.3.7 of annex 1, appendix 2

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/3).

Proposal of amendment to paragraph 7.1 of annex 1, appendix 2

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/4).

Proposal of amendment to paragraph 7 of annex 1

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/5).

Proposal of amendment to paragraph 7.3.7 of annex1, appendix 2

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/6).

Amendment to annex 1, appendix 2

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/7).

Characterisation of "independent" of a special equipment powered by an electrical energy source

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/24).

Supplementing the ATP with provisions concerning testing stations and experts

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/31).

(b) New proposals**Amendment to annex 1, appendix 1 paragraph 6 (c) (iii) (b)**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/8).

Improve the coherence of the term “compartment” in the ATP text

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Italy (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/9).

Restoring of the intended meaning of 6.2.2(ii)

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Italy (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/10).

Proposal of amendment

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Luxembourg (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/12).

Proposed clarification of annex 1 appendix 2 paragraph 3.2.8 regarding minimum required airflow

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Transfrigoroute International (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/13).

New proposal of amendment

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Slovenia (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/16).

Additional test methodology to verify compliance of in service multi-temperature multi-compartment (MTMC) equipment

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/17) as well as the changes proposed in informal document INF.7.

Amendment to annex 1, paragraph 1 and annex 1, appendix 4

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the United Kingdom (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/19).

Definition of independence of a special equipment

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/20).

Proposal of amendment to paragraph 6.5 of annex1, appendix 2

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/21).

Proposal of amendment to annex2, appendix 1

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/22).

Proposal of amendment to annex2, appendix 1

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by France (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/23).

Clarifying inconsistent wording in paragraphs 7.3.3 and 7.3.4 of annex 1 appendix 2 of ATP

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Finland (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/25).

Amendment to Model Test Report No. 12 of annex 1, appendix 2f or simplified retrieval and/or attribution of the data in the ATP test reports of individual refrigeration units

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Germany (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/28).

Proposals by the informal working group on Approval System

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the Netherlands on behalf of the informal working group (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/29).

Incentives for the improvement of the K-Value

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the Netherlands on behalf of the Chair of WP.11 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/30).

Amendment of the definition of equipment

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the Netherlands (informal document INF.4).

6. ATP Handbook**Proposed addition in the ATP Handbook of a comment to paragraph 3.2.8 of annex 1, appendix 2 regarding minimum required airflow**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Transfrigoroute International (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2024/14).

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

The Working Party may wish to discuss the report of the informal working group on the improvement of the approval system of equipment and thermal units transmitted by the Netherlands on behalf of the informal working group (informal document INF.10).

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 eighty-second session

The dates of 28-31 October 2025 (Tuesday to Friday) have been reserved for the eighty-second session of WP.11.

11. Election of officers

The WP.11 is expected to elect a Chair and Vice-Chairs for its session in 2025.

Elections are to be held in accordance with rules 12, 36 and 37 of the WP.11 Rules of Procedure (see ECE/TRANS/WP.11/229), stating the following:

“Rule 12

Every year, WP.11 shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from among the representatives of full participants as defined in Rule 1. They shall take office at the session in the year following their election. The officers may be re-elected.

Rule 36

The WP.11 shall normally vote by show of hands. If any representative requests a roll call, a roll call shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members.

Rule 37

All elections shall be decided by a show of hands.”

12. Other business

Proposed terms of reference for an informal working group on the effectiveness of multi-temperature thermal appliances in service

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by Denmark on behalf of the informal working group (informal document INF.9).

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 eighty-first session based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.
