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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourth session*,**

To be held in-person at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 25 January 2023, Salle XXV.

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt the session's agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/7

2. Report of the second session

The Group will be asked to take note of the report of its third session. It includes the list of decisions which was adopted by the Group on 11 November 2022.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/6

3. Programme of work

(a) Proposed concepts and processes of the future eCMR system

At the last session, the Group of Experts discussed Informal document No. 1 which was submitted by the secretariat and requested that it be submitted as ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/2023/1 at this session, taking into account the discussions of the Group at its previous session. The Group may wish to discuss and agree on the proposed concepts and processes as contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/2023/1. These concepts and processes when agreed will formulate the basis of the high-level architecture of the future eCMR system as well as of the functional specifications which should be discussed and agreed during the fifth and sixth session of the group before reporting back to SC.1 in October 2023.

(b) Customs practices concerning the use of consignment notes

The group during its previous sessions considered and noted the different uses of CMR consignment note made by customs authorities in different regions (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/2022/3/Rev.1). The Group requested the secretariat to further update this document by including the case of cabotage including the relevant legislation in the European Union territory as presented by the delegation of Denmark. Furthermore, the Group of Experts discussed and appreciated Informal document Nos. 2 and 3 containing a survey which were submitted by the Uzbekistan Customs authority. The survey refers to the use of CMR consignment notes by customs authorities. The Group requested the secretariat to submit Informal document No. 2 as ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/2023/2 for this session. The Group also requested the secretariat to circulate the survey to the customs authorities of the CMR Convention contracting parties.

(c) Good practices from other digitalization initiatives

The Group in order to decide about the optimal high-level architecture for the future eCMR system as well as to find a good and practical solution for issues such as the authentication, mutual recognition etc have requested the secretariat to invite if possible experts from other Conventions or transport / customs documents (such as ATA carnet, eCIM, ePhyto and Certex) digitalization initiatives to present.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/2023/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/2023/2,
ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/2022/3/Rev.1, Informal document Nos. 2 and 3 (November 2022)

4. Other business

The Group of Experts may wish to discuss any other business.

5. Adoption of the list of decisions

The secretariat will prepare a list of decisions during the session. The list of decisions will be adopted by the Group of Experts at the end of the session.

6. Date of next session

The next session of the Group of Experts is scheduled to take place on 3 to 5 April 2023. The deadline for the submission of formal documents was 23 January 2023.
