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Joint meeting of the Working Parties on Rail transport and on Intermodal Transport and Logistics

Geneva, 16–17 December 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the joint meeting of the Working Parties on Rail Transport and on Intermodal Transport and Logistics* **

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 16 December 2024

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Consultations on the proposal for restructuring the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units.
3. Adoption of decisions.

* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's website <https://unece.org/info/Transport/Intermodal-Transport/events/394521>. On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (wp.24@unece.org).

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The delegates are invited to adopt the agenda for the Joint meeting of the Working Parties on Rail transport and on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (Joint meeting).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.24/158–ECE/TRANS/SC.2/248

2. Consultations on the proposal for restructuring the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units

The Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) held its special session on the Code of Practice for Packing Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code) on 5–7 December 2023. The outcomes of this session were considered by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) at its eighty-sixth session on 20–23 February 2024 and served as a basis for the ITC decision to task WP.24 with managing the process to propose restructuring the CTU Code into the CTU Code Core and Supplement and to hold a WP.24 special session in collaboration with other interested Working Parties on the CTU Code in 2024 as part of this process. As a result of this decision this Joint meeting is held.

To prepare for the Joint meeting, experts on the CTU Code were invited to informal sessions to consider ways for the CTU Code restructuring so as to elaborate initial proposals for consideration and finalisation at this Joint meeting. The informal sessions also discussed possible updates to the CTU Code pertaining to the aspects of prevention of pest contamination. These aspects were not finalised in time for the special session in 2023 as coordination was necessary with the process of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) at Food and Agriculture Organization. Therefore, the informal sessions were also tasked to consider and incorporate changes, as relevant, to the CTU Code on the issues of prevention of pest contamination based on a proposal provided by the IPPC secretariat.

The informal sessions resulted in working out and proposing a three-tier approach rather than restructuring the CTU Code into Core and Supplement. In the three-tier approach:

Tier 1 (key clauses) includes chapters subject to very sporadic revisiting managed by ILO, IMO and ECE;

Tier 2 (ancillary technical clauses) includes annexes providing technical information that should be subject to regular review by IMO and ECE; and

Tier 3 (supplement technical clauses) includes appendices which supplement information provided in annexes and provide further detailing of the technical information which should also be reviewed regularly by IMO and ECE.

The informal sessions reviewed the content of the CTU Code and the Informative Material and made proposal to maintain or transfer the content to chapters, annexes or appendices. To this end, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2024/11–ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2024/12 presents the proposed changes to the CTU Code chapters, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2024/12–ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2024/13 to the CTU Code annexes, and ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2024/13–ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2024/14 to the CTU Code appendices. Informal document No. 1 reproduces a clean version of the restructured CTU Code.

The Joint meeting is invited to review and finalise the proposal for the CTU Code restructuring, which includes endorsement of the worked-out approach as well as elaboration of new content and content transfer between the three distinctive parts (chapters, annexes and appendices).

When reviewing the content, the Joint meeting should also reflect on changes proposed to the clauses on prevention of pest contamination and, if appropriate, finalise and endorse them.

Following the finalisation of the CTU Code restructuring proposal, the Joint meeting may also share views on its proposal for the IMO-ECE regular review process of the CTU Code annexes and appendices.

3. Adoption of decisions

The Joint meeting will be invited to adopt the decisions taken during the meeting.
