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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE
WORKING PARTY ON THE TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 14 October 2008

Addendum

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

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

Item 2: Activities of ECE bodies of interest to the Working Party

(a) Inland Transport Committee

2. At its seventieth session (19-21 February 2008), the Chairman of WP.11 informed the Committee of the results accomplished by WP.11 at its sixty-third session (12-15 November 2007) and about the continuing work on the securing of ATP documents, procedures for the approval of multi-compartment multi-temperature vehicles, the length of the sea crossing referred to in Article 3 of the ATP, and tests for the renewal of ATP certificates. He also informed the Committee that WP.11 had discussed a proposal to increase the number of

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Contracting Parties required to block an amendment to the technical annexes of the ATP from one to three and expressed the hope that such a proposal would be adopted in the near future. The Committee noted with satisfaction that there were now 44 Contracting Parties to the ATP, Montenegro, Tunisia, Ukraine and Moldova having acceded to the Agreement in 2007 (ECE/TRANS/200, paras. 105-107).

3. The Committee approved the report of WP.11 on its sixty-third session (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/216) and the addendum to it (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/216/Add.1).

4. The Committee adopted its Programme of Work (ECE/TRANS/2008/11) for the period 2008-2012 and recalled that, as in the case of the Committee, its subsidiary bodies also needed to examine their programmes of work only every two years. Such arrangement, however, would not exclude the possibility for the Committee's subsidiary bodies to modify their respective programmes of work annually if there was a need to do so.

5. The Committee endorsed the proposals of its subsidiary bodies on expected accomplishments, related indicators of achievement and methodologies for the 2008-2009 biennium, approved by the respective Working Parties. The Committee noted that in 2010 it will be invited to review the draft accomplishment accounts prepared for each expected accomplishment by the secretariat and will be expected to discuss the lessons learned and take programmatic measures, if appropriate.

(b) Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

6. The Working Party will be informed about the recent activities of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7).

Item 3: Activities of other international organizations dealing with problems of interest to the Working Party

(a) International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR)

7. The Working Party will be informed about the results of the meeting of the IIR sub-commission held in Prague, Czech Republic, from 5 to 6 June 2008.

(b) Transfrigoroute International

8. The representative of Transfrigoroute International is invited to briefly present the recent activities of his organization.

(c) International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

9. The representative of ISO is invited to briefly present the activities of ISO that have a bearing on the work of WP.11.

(d) Compatibility of ATP and European Union legislation

10. The Working Party may wish to discuss issues concerning the compatibility of the ATP and European Union legislation.

Item 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

(a) Status of application of the Agreement

11. To date the following 45 States have become Parties to the Agreement: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan.

12. Andorra acceded to ATP on 14 July 2008. The Agreement will enter into force for Andorra on 14 July 2009. Switzerland signed the ATP in 1971 but has not ratified it.

(b) Status of amendments

13. Proposed amendments to the Annexes to ATP adopted at the sixty-third session of WP.11 (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/216, Annex 1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.11/216/Add.1) were circulated to Contracting Parties by the depositary on 6 March 2008 (C.N.138.2008.TREATIES-1).

14. At the 63rd session of WP.11, the secretariat was asked to prepare an analysis of the objections made to amendment proposals in recent years. The analysis appears in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/1.

(c) Test stations officially designated by the competent authorities of countries Parties to ATP and whose test reports might be used for the issue of ATP certificates

15. The current list of test stations appears at the following web link: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/teststations.pdf> Contracting Parties are invited to transmit corrections or new information to the secretariat.

(d) Exchange of information among Parties under Article 6 of ATP

16. At its sixty-third session, WP.11 discussed a revised questionnaire to collect information on the implementation of the ATP and agreed that it be included in the ATP Handbook.

17. The Working Party may wish to decide to resume collection of information on the implementation of the ATP using the new questionnaire.

Item 5: Proposals of amendments to the ATP

(a) Pending proposals

Sea crossing

18. At its sixty-third session, WP.11 discussed a proposal made by Finland to increase the length of the sea crossing referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the ATP (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2007/11). It decided to establish an informal working group to examine the implications of changing the distance and taking account also of Article 5. The report of the informal working group is contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/3. A proposal from Finland to amend Articles 3 and 5 is contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/2.

Multi-compartment multi-temperature vehicles

19. At its sixty-third session, the Working Party continued its consideration of proposals for test procedures for multi-compartment multi-temperature vehicles. It decided that two meetings should be held to draw up an agreed text in time for the WP.11 session in 2008. The first meeting would be between Transfrigoroute International (TI) and France. The second meeting would discuss the text agreed by TI and France. The proposal will be circulated to delegates as soon as it is received.

Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 49

20. At its sixty-third session, the Working Party considered pull-down test tables proposed by France and the Netherlands and asked those countries to work together and make a new proposal for the sixty-fourth session of WP.11 which would apply to new and existing equipment. France has asked that its proposal made in document ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2007/17 be maintained on the agenda for the sixty-fourth session.

21. At its sixty-third session, the Working Party discussed a proposal by France regarding tests for renewal of ATP certificates at 12 years. France has asked that its proposal made in document ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2007/15 be maintained on the agenda for the sixty-fourth session.

Revised text of Annex 1

22. The WP.11 is invited to consider again the revised text of Annex 1 contained in document TRANS/WP.11/2005/2. This text, which was developed on the basis of a proposal originally prepared by consultants (TRANS/WP.11/2000/8), was adopted at the sixtieth session of WP.11 in 2004 and was transmitted to the UN Treaty Section by the secretariat in July 2005. Despite being the subject of an objection at the time, it is considered worthy of reconsideration by the Working Party.

Annex 1, Appendix 3 to ATP - ATP certificate model

23. The WP.11 is invited to consider the revised ATP certificate model presented by Portugal in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/11. It takes account of comments made by delegates at the sixty-third session on the model certificate presented in document ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2007/14.

(b) New proposals

Article 18

24. The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal made by Portugal regarding the unanimity rule for the acceptance of amendment proposals as contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/10.

Annex 1, Appendix 1, Paragraph 4 (c)

25. The Working Party is invited to consider the proposal made by Portugal regarding the issuance of the technical specifications of serially produced equipment in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/9.

Annex 1 and Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 29

26. The Working Party is invited to consider the amendment proposals made by Germany in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/5.

Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 49

27. The Working Party is invited to consider the amendment to paragraph 49 proposed by Sweden in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/8 concerning the inspection carried out by appointed experts.

Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 56

28. The Working Party is invited to consider the amendment proposed by Netherlands in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/6 regarding paragraph 56.

Item 6: ATP Handbook

29. At its sixty-third session, the Working Party requested the secretariat to expedite the issuance of the Russian version of the ATP Handbook so that the Handbook could be adopted at the 64th session of WP.11. Delegates and NGOs were also invited to make new proposals regarding the Handbook. The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal submitted by the Czech Republic regarding fuel consumption determination of vehicle powered refrigeration units (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/4), the proposal by Spain to modify the foreword of the ATP Handbook (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/7) and the proposal by Slovakia to include an ATP checklist in the Handbook (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/12).

30. The Working Party may wish to adopt the draft ATP Handbook which appears on the Transport Division website.

Item 7: Facilitation of transport of perishable foodstuffs

31. At its sixty-third session, the Working Party was informed that the new Annex 8 on “Facilitation of border crossing procedures for international road transport” to the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods which included provisions related to the transport of perishable foodstuffs had been circulated by the depositary on 20 February 2007. It entered into force on 20 May 2008.

32. The Working Party may wish to discuss other means to promote the facilitation of transport of perishable foodstuffs.

Item 8: Scope of ATP

33. At its sixty-third session, the Russian Federation announced that it had agreed to work with Spain and other delegations on a proposal aimed at expanding the scope of the ATP to cover fresh fruit and vegetables. The proposal will be circulated as soon as it is received.

34. The Working Party may also wish to discuss the suggestion made in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/3 to extend the scope of the ATP to cover inland navigation.

Item 9: Energy labelling, refrigerants and blowing agents

35. The Working Party may wish to consider how to continue its work on energy labelling, refrigerants and blowing agents.

Date of the 65th session

36. The dates of 27-30 October 2009 have been tentatively reserved for the sixty-fifth session of WP.11.

Item 10: Election of officers

37. The Working Party is expected to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for its sixty-fifth session in 2009.

Item 11: Other business

38. The Working Party may wish to consider any other business under this item.

Item 12: Adoption of the report

39. The Working Party is expected to adopt the report on its sixty-fourth session based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.
