

**Informal meeting on Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units  
at the request of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Working Party on  
Intermodal Transport and Logistics**

Geneva and virtual, 17-18 March 2022

**Annotated provisional agenda for the 2022 first informal  
meeting**

starting at 12.00 p.m. on Thursday, 17 March 2022

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**1. Introduction**

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) at its 64<sup>th</sup> session (Geneva, 20-22 October 2021) took note of the initial results of the informal pre-work on two tasks: (i) to prioritize the updates for the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code), and (ii) to propose ways for a possible development of the CTU Code mobile application. WP.24 prolonged the informal pre-work on both tasks for one more year.

Experts participating in the informal pre-work on the CTU Code are therefore requested to advance further the work on the two tasks, building on the work done in 2021, and to report progress achieved to WP.24 at its 65<sup>th</sup> session in October 2022.

This current meeting is held with the view to advance the work on the two tasks.

**2. Chair for the meeting**

Participants may wish to appoint a chair for the meeting to facilitate the discussions.

### 3. Agenda of the meeting

Experts are invited to follow the agenda as contained in the current document for the first 2022 informal meeting.

#### Documentation

CTU-Code/2022/first-informal-meeting/1

### 4. Updates to the CTU Code

Experts discussed at the previous meeting (Sep 2021) documents which contain proposals for prioritization of updates to the CTU Code, as follows:

- Informal doc (Sep2021) Nos. 4 and 9 on transport of bulk cargo
- Informal doc (Sep2021) Nos. 5 and 10 on transport of liquid material
- Informal doc (Sep2021) No. 6 on acceleration coefficients and blocking capacity of dunnage bags
- Informal doc (Sep2021) No. 7 on guidance for bedding arrangements
- Informal doc (Sep2021) No. 8 on guidance for package stability and building unit loads
- Informal doc (Sep2021) No. 11 on chains of responsibility and documentation
- Informal doc (Sep2021) No. 12 on pest contamination
- Informal doc (Sep2021) No. 13 on blocking and rear-end securing

Comments noted in CTU-Code/2021/second-informal-meeting/2 were provided to support improving the proposals for (i) guidance for package stability and building unit loads, (ii) transport of bulk cargo, (iii) transport of liquids, (iv) guidance on bedding arrangements, (v) blocking and rear-end securing, and (vi) chains of responsibility and documentation. At the current meetings, experts will be invited to consider the improved proposals and conclude on the update prioritization as appropriate.

With regard to the proposal on pest contamination, experts agreed to consider it in the context of the work carried out by the IPPC Sea Container Task Force (SCTF) on pest contamination. To this end, IPPC secretariat will inform experts on the progress made in the IPPC-SCTF.

Experts agreed at the previous meeting that Informative Material (IM) Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6 and 10 be reviewed and proposal be made whether and how these IMs should be included in the CTU Code. To this end, IUMI and Mariterm AB for IM 6, IPPC secretariat and World Shipping Council (WSC) for IM 4 and ETS Consulting for IMs 1, 2 and 10 will present their review conclusions for other experts' consideration.

The Russian Federation will be invited to express its opinion on the value of the acceleration coefficient in longitudinal direction of 0.8tf/t for 1520mm gauge and prepare a relevant update proposal. The Russian Federation will be also invited to present text proposal for communicating forces on dunnage bags to packers.

Experts should also (i) discuss the interpretation of section 2.4.4, if pre-tension for lashing can be understood differently than up to 50 % of maximum securing load (MSL), (ii) assess tests other than inclination test proposed for evaluating suitability of a specific securing arrangement on their usefulness, and (iii) consider a list for cargo types that require different than 150mm void space in any horizontal direction.

Finally, at the WSC suggestion at the previous meeting and in the context of potential updates to the CTU Code, ICHCA will introduce Warehousing White Paper as developed by International Vessel Owners Dangerous Goods Association, National Cargo Bureau, WSC and ICHCA, and WSC will update on the work undertaken by industry on stabilizers for dangerous goods.

**Documentation**

Document list will be updated before the meeting

**5. CTU Code mobile application**

Further to the discussion at the previous meeting, Brough Marine Limited will present on behalf of industry volunteers a proposal for CTU Code app's user functionalities that should accommodate in a best possible way the challenges faced by and the needs of the frontline workers for packing CTUs. Also cost estimate for the development of these functionalities will be presented.

Experts will be then invited to continue discussion on the possible ways for the development of the CTU Code mobile app.

**Documentation**

Document list will be updated before the meeting

**6. Other Business**

Experts will have the opportunity to inform of any other business related to the informal pre-work on the CTU Code.

**7. Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is proposed to take place on 11 and 12 July 2022.

**Work schedule:**

Thu, 17 March: 12 pm to 4 pm CET

Fri, 18 March: 12 pm to 4 pm CET