



SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT



# Intermodal transport and logistics

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Key points from WP.24 64<sup>th</sup> session



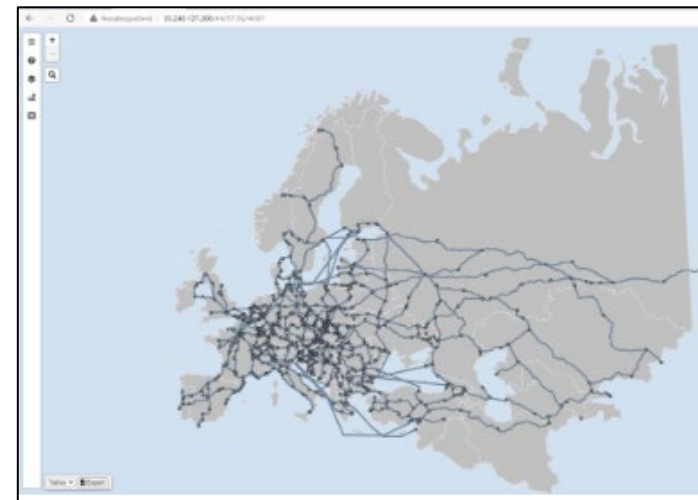
- 1) European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)
- 2) Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the AGTC Agreement (Protocol to AGTC)
- 3) Resolution on strengthening intermodal freight transport
- 4) Code of Practice for Packing Cargo Transport Units
- 5) Others



- AGTC lines/installations continuously updated => WP.24** adopted amendment proposals to AGTC (annexes I and II) further to proposals from Croatia, Georgia, Poland and the Russian Federation
- Specific AGTC lines/installations may require updates => WP.24** identified discrepancies between the AGTC and TEN-T railway lines and installations for EU countries => these discrepancies need to be verified and addressed as necessary (focal points' work with the secretariat)
- AGTC implementation monitoring mechanism => WP.24** agreed to establish AGTC inventory (lines and installations) in GIS => to be established by autumn 2023, as much as possible, by pooling data from existing databases

**II. Comparison of TEN-T and AGTC railway lines**

Part 1: TEN-T corridor		Part 2: AGTC lines	
Main corridor	Segment	AGTC line No.	AGTC segment respective to TEN-T segment
Rhine Alpine	Zeebrugge – Gent – Antwerpen – Liège	C-E 22	Zeebrugge – Brugge
	Gent – Bruxelles/Brussel – Liège – Köln	C-E 20	Oostende – Bruxelles – Liège – Aachen – Köln
	Vlissingen – Rotterdam – Nijmegen	C-E 15	Rotterdam Roosendaal
Amsterdam – Utrecht – Arnhem/Nijmegen – Duisburg – Düsseldorf – Köln		C-E 35	Amsterdam – Utrecht-Arnhem – Düsseldorf – Köln – Emmerich – Duisburg –
			Düsseldorf-Neus
Köln – Koblenz – Mainz – Mannheim – Karlsruhe – Basel – Bern – Brig – Novara – Genova		C-E 35	Köln – Mainz – Mannheim – Karlsruhe – Basel
		C-E 25	Basel – Olten – Bern – Brig – Domodossola – Novara – Milano – Genova
Basel – Lugano – Milano – Genova		C-E 35	Basel – Olten – Chiasso – Milano
North Sea – Mediterranean	[Belfast] – Baile Átha Cliath/Dublin – Corcaigh/Cork	C-E 03	Larne – Belfast – Dublin



# Protocol to AGTC

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- **The Protocol to AGTC's misalignment challenge** => AGN waterways and installations continue to be updated while no relevant updates to the Protocol are proposed => WP.24 joint conference (in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2022) with WP.3/SC.3 to discuss and find solutions to the misalignment challenge

# Resolution on strengthening intermodal freight transport

WP.24 64<sup>th</sup> session



- **AGTC core networks** => identification of AGTC lines to form core network and formulation of special procedures for core network => proposal to be presented at WP.24 65<sup>th</sup> session (focal points' work with the secretariat)
- **Intermodal transport document digitalization** => workshop on document digitalization for intermodal transport underpinned by data interoperability to be held in course of WP.24 65<sup>th</sup> session
- **Automation in freight transport** => workshop on automation and elaboration of handbook on automation to be held in course of WP.24 65<sup>th</sup> session
- **Voluntary targets for intermodal transport market share** => review of existing shares and exploration of potential for intermodal operations to be done at WP.24 65<sup>th</sup> session
- **Collaborative networks for flexible transport planning/integration of modes** => collection of good practice information from UNECE countries for review at WP.24 65<sup>th</sup> session

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Strategic questions of a horizontal and cross-sectoral policy or regulatory nature:  
Intermodal transport and logistics

**Draft resolution on strengthening intermodal freight transport**

Note by the secretariat


**I. Background**

1. The Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics considered the developments and impacts from the evolving Covid-19 pandemic on intermodal freight transport and logistics. The Working Party established important lessons learned from the pandemic and the assessment of the recovery measures taken in countries of the Economic Commission for Europe region as reflected in ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2020/5.
2. The Working Party confirmed the need to promote the conditions for increasing the competitiveness of intermodal transport and warned of Covid-19 recovery measures that undermine that competitiveness, distort the freight transport market and so negatively impact the needed sustainable transition in the sector.
3. In this regard, and convinced of the fact that strengthening intermodal freight transport is key to freight transport sustainable transition as well as to making it more resilient to pandemics such as the Covid-19 pandemic, the Working Party at its sixty-third session (Geneva, 28-30 October 2020) approved a resolution on strengthening intermodal freight transport, as included in point II below. The Working Party requested its secretariat to present the resolution to the Inland Transport Committee for adoption.
4. The Inland Transport Committee, at its eighty-third session, is requested to consider this resolution and to adopt it.

**II. Draft resolution**

*The Inland Transport Committee,*

*Recalling its role stipulated in the Strategy until 2030 in serving as UN Platform for promoting sustainable regional and interregional inland transport connectivity and mobility, and within this role, emphasizing the work on sustainable integrated intermodal infrastructural connectivity and mobility,*

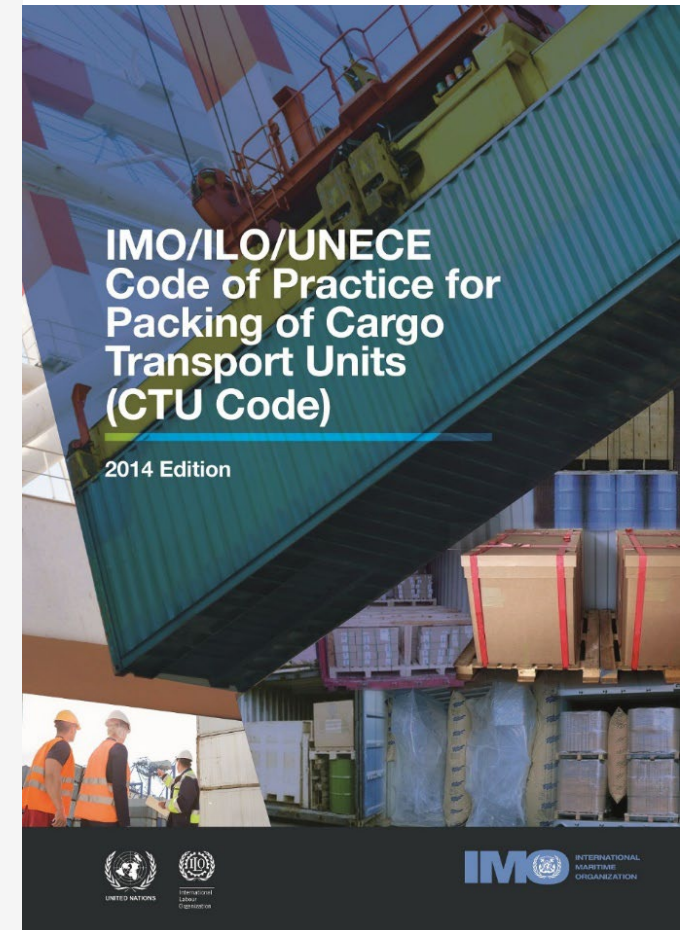
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# Code of Practice for Packing Cargo Transport Units

WP.24 64<sup>th</sup> session



- Informal pre-work on prioritization of updates and development of a mobile app => continuation of work into 2022
- Next informal CTU Code meeting => 17-18 March 2022 (Geneva and online)



# Intermodal Transport and Logistics

Others



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for adopting

## Annex II

### Revised Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics<sup>2</sup>

(As amended by WP.24 at its sixty-fourth session)

The Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) acts within the framework of the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Europe under the general supervision of the Inland Transport Committee in conformity with the Terms of Reference of ECE (E/ECE/778/Rev.5).

The Working Party, in accordance with the Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Working Parties within ECE as approved by the ECE Executive Committee on 14 July 2006 (ECE/EX/1). These guidelines refer to its status and mandate, and the review of its mandate and extension every 5 years, its organization, its methods of work and its secretariat provided by the ECE Division.

The Working Party, in order to facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport, aims to improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and productivity in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable transport. Its activities are aimed at making freight transport more sustainable and efficient by increasing the share of intermodal freight transport in freight transport, and by ensuring that freight is moved in one and the same loading unit or road vehicle using more modes of transport without handling the freight in changing modes. The Working Party's activities are also aimed at supporting the implementation of the ITC Strategy and related tasks such as (i) servicing and administering legal matters related to intermodal transport, (ii) identifying, fostering and facilitating intermodal technologies, and (iv) supporting integrated regional and global connectivity.

The Working Party, in its operational context, more specifically WP.24:

1. reviews and updates the European Agreement on Important International Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) and the Protocol to the European Agreement on the AGTC Agreement, promotes accession and monitors their implementation;

2. identifies measures to promote efficiency of intermodal transport, identifies needs in intermodal transport services;

3. monitors enforcement and reviews the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) Resolution on Combined Transport adopted by the ECMT (CEMT/CM (2002)3/Final) and provides a forum for sharing best practices and models for intermodal transport operations (road, rail, inland water and shipping);

4. identifies and analyses technical, institutional and policy aspects and emerging needs in intermodal transport;

5. identifies and analyses the organization of intermodal transport services on a regional and global level, particularly between Europe and Asia;

6. identifies and exchanges best practices on new concepts, design, weights and dimensions of units used in intermodal transport in accordance with resolution No. 2 of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport Committee on 5 February 1993, and considers the operationalization of loading units and their compliance with safety regulations.

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## Economic Commission for Europe

### Inland Transport Committee

#### Eighty-fourth session

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Governance issues and business critical decisions for the  
Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies:  
Decisions on subsidiary bodies and on the structure of the  
Committee

### Decisions on subsidiary bodies and on the structure of the Committee

#### Note by the secretariat

#### I. Decisions on Working Parties

1. The Committee is invited to adopt the revised Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6), as requested by WP.6 (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/181). The revised Terms of Reference, as contained in **Annex I** to this document, have been prepared in line with the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) Strategy until 2030 and agreed by WP.6 at its seventy-second session (9-11 June 2021).

2. The Committee is also invited to adopt the updated Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24), as requested by WP.24 (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/149, para 82). The revised Terms of Reference, as contained in **Annex II** to this document, have been updated in line with the ITC Strategy until 2030 and agreed by WP.24 at its sixty-fourth session (20-22 October 2021).

3. The Committee is also invited to adopt the revised Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), as requested by SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/215). The revised Terms of Reference, as contained in **Annex III** to this document, have been prepared in line with the ITC Strategy until 2030 and agreed by SC.3 at its sixty-fifth session (3-5 November 2021).

#### II. Decisions on Groups of Experts: Decisions on establishment of new Groups of Experts

##### 1. New Group of Experts on the operationalization of the e-CMR procedure

4. The Committee may wish to approve the establishment of a new Group of Experts on the operationalization of the e-CMR procedure for two years, as requested by SC.1 (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/416). The Terms of Reference of the new Group of Experts, as agreed

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