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**UNECE GE.22 Group of Experts
on the Operationalization of eCMR
progress report**

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1st session 4-5 July, 2022

- The Group of Experts elected its Chair (Ms Annija Novikova, Latvia) and its Vice-Chair (Mr Elyor Khakimov, Uzbekistan).
- The Group of Experts will meet three times during 2022 (via a hybrid mode) on the following dates: 4-5 July, 4-6 October, and 9-11 November. The Group of Experts will meet three times during 2023 (in person only meetings) on the following dates: 25-27 January, 3-5 April, and 5-7 July.
- A number of presentations on eCMR pilot projects from different regions and stakeholders were made including AEOLIX project, DIGINNO prototype project, presentations by officials from Uzbekistan, Slovenia, Greece and Germany. The European Commission presented their views on the framework.



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- The Group of Experts adopted its programme of work (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/2022/1) with the following amendment: priority of discussions should be given to the provisions of article 5 followed by discussions on the draft high-level architecture including the main stakeholders and scope/objectives of a future eCMR environment.

- The Group of Experts agreed that their final output based on their terms of reference should keep the right balance between
 - (a) if required, possibly more descriptive eCMR provisions;
 - (b) global acceptance;
 - (c) freedom of choice between different providers and
 - (d) technological neutrality.



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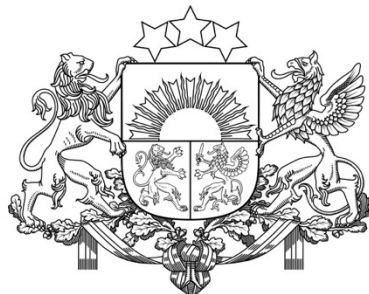
- The Group of Experts recognized that if a common understanding is achieved – if not agreed - among themselves regarding the provisions of article 5 of the eCMR protocol, then they could more easily discuss and design the high level architecture of the future system including the main stakeholders and scope/objectives of a future eCMR system.
- The Group of Experts requested the secretariat to prepare a document for its next session based on the input of the experts and the secretariat that includes an analysis of the provisions of article 5 of the Additional Protocol including the draft procedures and their implementation in order to comply with the requirements of the CMR Convention and its Additional Protocol.



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2nd session 4-6 October, 2022

- The Group of Experts thoroughly revised the [Analysis of the provisions of Article 5 to the eCMR protocol](#) prepared by the Secretariat and provided comments to every clause. The Group will continue revision of the document at its next session.
- A discussion on [use of CMR consignment notes by the Customs Authorities](#) which was prepared by the Secretariat and the Experts took place.
- It was decided to further explore practice existing in Iran and other countries in the region due to divergence of customs procedures there. The Vice Chair of the Group agreed to gather more information bilaterally. The Group will return to the discussion on the subject at its next session.



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Thank you!

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