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Dimensions and masses of vehicles in Finland – widely used modular system (not only for dangerous goods)

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Introduction

- 1. A round table discussion on the circular economy from the perspective of multimodal transport of dangerous goods was held during the Working Party's 112th session. It focused on the current situation, progress made and challenges related to the circular economy of multimodal transport of dangerous goods. Some of the presentations also underlined the efficiency of transport, including the dimensions and masses of transport units (payload).
- 2. For a long time, transport units with more than one trailer have been used in the transport of dangerous goods in Finland. In addition, Finland has otherwise widely used modular system (not only for dangerous goods) and the dimensions and masses of vehicles are larger than in traditional European combinations/transport units. We have long experience of safe transport with these combinations.
- 3. Finland offers to make a brief presentation on the Finnish system. This will take place on the lunch break on 16 May (English only, without interpretation). Mr Otto Lahti, Chief Adviser, will hold the presentation remotely (Webex) which will also give the opportunity to ask questions.
- 4. Place and time: Rooms H312 and H313 (H building) with a Webex link on 16 May from 13.00 to 14.00.