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Working Party on Road Transport
(SC.1)



SC.1 legal instruments: 2023 review

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1975 European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)



- A coordinated plan for the construction and development of roads of international importance which CPs intend to undertake within the framework of their national programmes (“international E-road network”).
- 38 CPs
- Only open to accession by ECE member States (this is a regional agreement)
- No amendments in recent years
- In force and the subject of discussion at each SC.1 session
- Recommendation: ongoing assessment of the relevance of existing agreement, and if amendment/s are needed to keep up to date.

1970 European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)



- To increase the safety of road traffic and to make regulations governing certain conditions of employment in international road transport in accordance with the principles of the ILO.
- 52 CPs
- Only open to accession by ECE member States and particular countries as specified in article 14 (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia)
- Two amendments between 2018 and 2023. Both were for article 14 to enable particular countries (ie Lebanon and Egypt) to accede to the agreement
- In force and the subject of discussion at each SC.1 session
- Recommendation: ongoing assessment of the relevance of existing agreement, and if amendment/s are needed to keep up to date.

1956 Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)



- **Covers contracts for the international carriage of goods by road.**
- 58 CPs
- Open to accession by all UN member States
- No amendments in recent years
- In force and the subject of discussion at each SC.1 session
- Recommendation: ongoing assessment of the relevance of existing agreement, and if amendment/s are needed to keep up to date.

1978 Protocol to CMR



- **Amends CMR as per article 2 (related to compensation units)**
- 48 CPs
- Open to accession by all UN member States
- No amendments in recent years
- In force and the subject of discussion at each SC.1 session
- Recommendation: ongoing assessment of the relevance of existing agreement, and if amendment/s are needed to keep up to date.

2018 Additional Protocol to CMR concerning the electronic consignment note (eCMR)



- Facilitates the digitalization of CMR paper consignment notes.
- 33 CPs (and increasing each year!)
- Open to accession by all UN member States
- No amendments in recent years
- In force and the subject of discussion at each SC.1 session
- Recommendation: ongoing assessment of the relevance of existing agreement, and if amendment/s are needed to keep up to date.

1956 Convention on the taxation of road vehicles for private use in international traffic



- To facilitate the development of international touring by exempting taxes and charges levied on the circulation or possession of vehicles in the territory of another CP when temporarily imported for private use.
- 23 CPs
- Open to accession by all UN member States
- No amendments in recent years
- In force but not actively discussed at each SC.1 session. Appears to be an “inactive” legal instrument.
- Recommendation: assessment of the relevance of existing agreement, and if amendment/s are needed from time to time.

1956 Convention on the taxation of road vehicles engaged in international passenger transport



- To facilitate the development of international touring by by exempting taxes and charges levied on the circulation or possession of vehicles in the territory of another CP when temporarily imported in the course of international passenger transport
- 20 CPs
- Open to accession by all UN member States
- No amendments in recent years
- In force but not actively discussed at each SC.1 session. Appears to be an “inactive” legal instrument.
- Recommendation: assessment of the relevance of existing agreement, and if amendment/s are needed from time to time.

1956 Convention on the taxation of road vehicles engaged in international goods transport



- To facilitate the development of international touring by by exempting taxes and charges levied on the circulation or possession of vehicles in the territory of another CP when temporarily imported in the course of international goods transport
- 20 CPs
- Open to accession by all UN member States
- No amendments in recent years
- In force but not actively discussed at each SC.1 session. Appears to be an “inactive” legal instrument.
- Recommendation: assessment of the relevance of existing agreement, and if amendment/s are needed from time to time.

1973 Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road (CVR)



- **Standardizes the conditions governing the contract for the international carriage of passengers and luggage by road**
- 9 CPs
- Open to accession by all UN member States
- No amendments in recent years
- **In force but not actively discussed at each SC.1 session. Appears to be a relatively “inactive” legal instrument.**
- Recommendation: assessment of the relevance of existing agreement, and if amendment/s are needed from time to time.

Yet to enter into force: 1978 Protocol to CVR



- **Amends CVR as per article 2 (related to compensation units)**
- 1 CP
- Open to accession by all UN member States
- NOT in force and not actively discussed at each SC.1 session. It is an inactive legal instrument.
- Recommendation: assessment of the relevance of existing agreement from time to time, monitor when it comes into force (if at all)

Yet to enter into force: General Agreement on Economic Regulations for International Road Transport



- Establishes a rational regime for international road transport in Europe covering passenger transport and goods transport.
- 4 CPs
- Does not appear to be open to accession by all UN member States (art. 8)
- NOT in force and not actively discussed at each SC.1 session. It is an inactive legal instrument.
- Recommendation: assessment of the relevance of existing agreement from time to time, monitor when it comes into force (if at all)



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Thank you!