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Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between European Commission Services and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

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This document contains amendment proposal to the “Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the European Commission (COM) services” in order to regulate incorporation of multiple AETR Level Authorities for Root & Interoperability Certification. In this regard, a new section, “SECTION 6” is added to the Amendment to MoU text and the rest of the articles and the composition and structure of Amendment to MoU remain the same with Amendment to MoU signed in 2018.

Reference Documents:

Informal document No. 8 of the 113th session of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1).

Digital Tachograph Memorandum of Understanding between the European Commission Services and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe : history and status (**ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/7**)

**Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations
Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the European Commission (COM)
services**

The European Commission, represented for the purpose of signing this Amendment by Matthias Oel, Director of Directorate E — Space, Security & Migration of the Joint Research Centre, and by Kristian Schmidt, Director for Land Transport of the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, duly entitled to sign,

and

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), with the registered address at Palais des Nations, CH, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, Yuwei Li, Director, Sustainable Transport Division, duly entitled to sign

Hereafter referred to as '**the Sides**'

Having regard to the Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the European Commission services, as amended by the Supplement to the Memorandum of Understanding and the Amendment to the Supplement to the Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as 'the Memorandum of Understanding')

THE SIDES HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

To extend the duration of the Memorandum of Understanding by further 14 months, from 1 November 2023 to 31 December 2024.

Article 2

Article 3, paragraph 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding will be replaced by the following:

"The coordinators from the Commission services will be:

Jean-Louis COLSON, Head of Unit C1 — Road Transport of Directorate C - Land of the Directorate- General for Mobility and Transport, (Jean-Louis.Colson@ec.europa.eu)

Jean-Pierre NORDVIK, head of Unit E.3 - Cyber & Digital Citizens' Security Unit of Directorate E - Space, Security & Migration of the Joint Research Centre, (jean-pierre.nordvik@ec.europa.eu)

The coordinator for the UNECE will be:

Robert NOWAK, Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Transport Division, (robert.nowak@unece.org)"

Article 3

The following section will be added as Section 6 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

SECTION 6 - AUTHORIZATION OF NEW AUTHORITIES AS THE AETR LEVEL CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY

6.1 Public institutions that are established in the territories of the Contracting Parties without industrial interest to the tachograph sector beyond research and development activities may apply to inter alia operate as the AETR Level Authority for Root Certification and for Interoperability Certification and provide certification services for all of the Contracting Parties.

6.2 Implementation process and schedule for authorisation procedure of new Authorities as the AETR Authority are listed sequentially as follows:

- a) The JRC will publish the technical requirements and responsibilities for new Authorities to operate as AETR Level Root Certification Authority (ARCA) and the procedures for secure transfer of a copy of the ERCA Root to the ARCA in three months after the present amendment has entered into force.
- b) The Contracting Party of establishment of the prospective ARCA will submit the official application letter with the required technical supporting documents to the coordinators who are designated in Article 3, paragraph 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding by a single e-mail simultaneously.
- c) The document on reviews will be performed by the JRC in frame of conformity of technical requirements and by the UNECE for administrative conformity in terms of eligibility the prospective ARCA.
- d) The Contracting Party of successful applicant authority will receive a letter regarding the date of the on-site control, which will be scheduled within a month after the finalisation of the document control.
- e) The Contracting Party of unsuccessful applicant authority will receive a letter of reasoned decision for rejection of ARCA application.
- f) The on-site control will be performed by at least one representative of the JRC for the conformity of technical requirements and one representative of the UNECE as an observer of the entire control process.
- g) The Contracting Party of successful applicant authority will receive the ARCA Authorisation Document issued by the UNECE and the EU Commission within 15 days after the on-site control and transfer of the ERCA Root to the ARCA will be ensured in 15 days following the issue date of the Authorization.
- h) The Contracting Party of unsuccessful applicant authority will receive a letter of reasoned decision for rejection of ARCA application within 15 days after the on-site control.
- i) The New Authority will commence to operate by the issue date of the ARCA Authorisation, and the 5-year transition period for the new ARCA to operate as AETR Level Interoperability Certification Authority (AICA) will commence concurrently.
- j) During the transition period JRC will publish the technical requirements for new Authorities to operate as AICA. Collecting reference equipments, training of AICA crew, design of centralized website, preparations for cross validation campaigns will be completed within the transition period.
- k) An on-site control will be performed by at least one representative of the JRC for the conformity of technical requirements and one representative of the UNECE as an observer of the entire control process one month before the end of the 5-year transition period.
- l) The Contracting Party of successful applicant authority will receive the AICA Authorisation Document issued by the UNECE and the EU Commission within 15 days after the on-site control.
- m) The New Authority will commence to also operate as AICA by the issue date of the AICA

Authorisation. A common tariff will be implemented to the certification prices for the industry.

Article 4

All other provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding will remain unchanged and shall continue to apply for the new period of duration indicated in Article 1 of this Amendment.

Article 5

The present Amendment will form an integral part of the Memorandum of Understanding.

For the European Commission

Done in

Director of Directorate E - Space, Security & Migration of the Joint Research Centre

Done in

Signature

Director for Land Transport of the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport

Signature:

For the UNECE

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Signature:

Director, Sustainable Transport Division