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Report of year 2023 from Transfrigoroute International**Transmitted by Transfrigoroute International***Summary***Executive summary:** Report of year 2023 from Transfrigoroute International**Action to be taken:** Information & support for discussion**Related documents:** NA**I. Context and challenges**

1. Transportation and logistics, including all suppliers from this business sector (Transport company, rental company, Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), bodybuilder, equipment manufacturer...) are still impacted by recent succession of crisis (COVID, Ukraine-Russian conflict) and all associated consequences (direct & indirect).
2. Our sector is still suffering from some shortage of components but mainly from the rise in raw material and energy prices.
3. We could also mention lack of labour force and difficulties to hire to fulfil all needs of our business sector (driver, logistic operator, technician for vehicle & TRU)
4. Despite previously mentioned crisis and challenges, political agenda, and strong ambition from European Union (EU) regarding climate change are still ongoing.
5. Refrigerated transport sector is at the crossroad of two revolutions: decarbonizing all transport segments to contribute to the global, European, and national emissions reduction targets, but also transforming the refrigerant used by for our operations to render them more sustainable.

II. Activities

6. The Executive Committee of Transfrigoroute International met virtually on four occasions, (9 February, 30 March, 6 June and 31 August) and an Annual General Assembly took place on 15 September in hybrid format.
7. The Technical Committee of Transfrigoroute International (CCT) met virtually on seven occasions (13 January, 10 March, 15 March, 3 May, 9 June, 12 July and 4 October).
8. CCT also participated to most of WP11 Informal Working Group including the F2F one in Brussels (7 September).

9. CCT also participated to the IIR sub-commission on refrigerated transport (CERTE meeting) hosted by LOTRIČ Metrology Ltd, Selca, Slovenia on 18 and 19 April.

III. Key areas of focus

1. ATP follow up & improvement.

10. Development of alternative power train vehicle and alternative power source for thermal appliances is accelerating but it is still unclear regarding ATP on how to approve all possible configuration, for electrical power source (Battery Electric Vehicle, Battery pack...).

11. There are also different interpretation leading to difference of application of ATP rules between contracting parties. This could lead to distortion of competitions and must be avoided.

12. Many discussions have occurred already, and you can find more detail in following documents transmitted by Transfrigoroute International:

ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2023/13 - TI_Scope of ATP

Informal document INF.5 of the seventy-ninth session - TI report 2022

2. F-Gas revision

13. On 5 April 2022, the European Commission made a legislative proposal to update Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 (the "F-gas Regulation"). Currently, the co-legislators in the European Parliament and the Council are negotiating the proposal.

14. This revision is highly critical as most of thermal appliances used in refrigerated transport rely on F-Gas to operate and the proposed revision could introduce stringent restriction.

15. Transfrigoroute International has issued several position papers and co-signed several industry letters to explain to legislators all specificities of refrigerated transport sector.

16. Final text of F-Gas revision is expected by end of October 2023.

3. Others

17. In addition of the two main area of focus, Transfrigoroute International is also active on monitoring all regulations and standards that could have an impact on refrigerated transport sector.

18. This include but not limited to

- Review of VECTO, application for Trailer in 2024
- Review of EURO 7
- EU consultation on "Count Emissions EU"

19. EU consultation to review the emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles which are laid down in Regulation (EU) 2019/1242.
