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Special session

Geneva, 5-7 December 2023

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the special session* **

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, in the Salle VII
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 5 December 2023

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Consultations on progress and updates on the informal pre-work requested by the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics on the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units.
3. Chair summary.

* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's website <https://unece.org/info/Transport/Intermodal-Transport/events/383265>. On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (wp.24@unece.org).

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The delegates are invited to adopt the agenda for the Special session on the IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.24/154

2. Consultations on progress and updates on the informal pre-work requested by the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics on the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units

The Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Inland Transport Committee, at its eighty-fifth session on 21-24 February 2023 took note of the progress made in updating the CTU Code done in the informal pre-work sessions requested by the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) and further took note of the fact that the International Labour Organization's Sectoral Advisory Bodies would not be able to discuss the establishment of the joint Group of Experts on CTU Code at least until 2025.

The Committee recognized the urgent need to update the CTU Code to improve the safety of workers handling CTUs and through it contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 8, target 8 on promoting safe and secure working environments for all workers. To this end, the Committee requested that a process is initiated to review the proposed elaborated updates, and if and as appropriate to approve them, in the framework of a Special session of WP.24 on the CTU Code to be held before the end of 2023. It requested the secretariat to invite the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) and, through them, their members to the Special session.

In response to mandate provided by the Committee, this Special session is held to review the text modification proposals made which concern the following sections or issues in the CTU Code:

- (a) Transport of solid bulk cargo,
- (b) Transport of liquids in flexitanks,
- (c) Blocking material and arrangements, additions on techniques and devices used for blocking, additions concerning dunnage bags,
- (d) Package stability and explanation of the term of transport stability level (TSL),
- (e) Bedding arrangements and load positioning,
- (f) Chains of responsibilities,
- (g) Definitions and standardisation of terms for warning used on cargo packages and CTUs across the text of the CTU Code.

Following the review of the proposals, the Special session is invited to conclude if it recommends these proposals, if appropriate, to be approved on behalf of ECE WP.24 noting that ILO and its tripartite Members and IMO and its Members have not so far considered the proposals included in this pre-work through their respective processes.

The Special session should also review and share views on other initial proposals, including those related to the updates concerning the issue of prevention of pest contamination and other outstanding issues in the CTU Code.

The Special session is invited to discuss with ILO and IMO secretariats the best way to inform and engage their respective memberships in the most convenient process to continue work on the proposals with the view to adopt in future a revised CTU Code.

The prepared text modification proposals are contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2023/13.

3. Chair summary

The Chair with support of the secretariat will summarize the discussions and views shared under item 2 on proposed changes to CTU Code, so that they can be shared with ILO and IMO for their memberships' consideration.
