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Agenda item 5

**Report of the Committee of Technical Experts' standing working group TECH and ad-hoc safety subgroup for the 6<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Technical Experts, Geneva, 12-13 June 2013 (activities since the 5<sup>th</sup> session of CTE)**

## **1. Results of the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Technical Experts (May 2012)**

The following regulations were adopted at the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE) held in Bern on 23 and 24 May 2012:

1. Uniform Technical Prescriptions (UTP)
  - a. UTP WAG, including 32 Annexes.
  - b. UTP NOI.

Both UTP were subsequently notified on 26 June 2012 and entered into force on 1 December 2012.

2. Uniform format of certificates (for Type & Operation). The documents were subsequently notified on 26 June 2012 and entered into force on 1 December 2012.
3. Amendment to explanatory notes to Article 15 § 3 ATMF "ensure-ascertain". This amendment will be submitted to the Revision Committee,
4. Amendment to the English and German versions of document A 94-20/1.2009 (National Vehicle Register). The French version was adopted later using the written procedure. On 27 September the document was notified in all three languages. It entered into force on 1 March 2013.

The ATMF Annex B regulations: The rules on derogations according to Article 7a ATMF were postponed from the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the CTE to the 6<sup>th</sup> session of the CTE for adoption.

## **2. Activities of the standing working group TECH**

The standing working group TECH (WG TECH) held three meetings:

- 17<sup>th</sup> meeting on 4 and 5 September 2012 in Bern
- 18<sup>th</sup> meeting on 7 and 8 November 2012 in Košice
- 19<sup>th</sup> meeting on 13 and 14 February 2013 in Bern.

The following documents were prepared for and discussed by WG TECH:

- Rules on derogations according to Article 7a ATMF
- Process for dealing with errors in UTPs
- Ad-hoc safety subgroup's recommendations
- Uniform Technical Prescriptions (UTP):
  - Revised UTP WAG
  - Revised UTP GEN-G
- National technical requirements – notification, publication, EU –OTIF cooperation
- Update of the Rules for Registration of VKM code adopted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of CTE (February 2009)
- Establishing a joint OTIF – ERA register for ECM certification bodies and certified ECM
- Amendment of Article 20 § 3 of the Convention
- Draft agenda for the 6<sup>th</sup> session of the CTE on 12 and 13 June 2013.

WG TECH prepared the following documents for the attention of the CTE:

- For adoption by the CTE at its 6<sup>th</sup> session in June 2013:
  - Amendment of Article 20 § 3 of the Convention<sup>1</sup>
  - Revised UTP WAG
  - Amended UTP GEN-G
  - ATMF Annex B: Rules on derogations according to Article 7a ATMF.
- For information at the 6<sup>th</sup> session of CTE in June 2013:
  - Process for dealing with deficiencies in UTPs

### **3. Activities of the safety subgroup**

After discussing the safety management provisions in COTIF, particularly those relating to the revised WAG TSI, the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the CTE mandated WG TECH to set up an ad-hoc subgroup based on terms of reference drafted by the Secretariat. The 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of WG TECH adopted the terms of reference and established the ad-hoc safety subgroup. This subgroup met for the first time in November 2012, just before the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of WG TECH, and tasked the Secretariat to prepare a document on preliminary analyses and conclusions. After its second meeting in January 2013, the subgroup set out its analyses and conclusions in a document for the attention of the WG TECH. The document has been translated into French and German and forwarded to the CTE for information.

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<sup>1</sup> To be submitted to the Revision Committee.