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Provisional Minutes

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DISCUSSIONS

Welcome by the Secretariat of OTIF

Mr Peter Sorger opened the session and welcomed the participants.

1. Approval of the agenda

The Secretariat explained that the provisional agenda had been sent to participants with the invitation on 5 May 2011 (circular A92-03/502.2011). A proposal from the Secretariat to discuss the issue of Article 15 § 3 as an additional item, which CER considered important, was opposed by the representative of the European Commission (EC). As the main task for this session was the preparation of the 4th session of the Committee of Technical Experts he proposed to deal with this issue under item 10, Any other business. The agenda was approved with no changes.

2. Election of chairman

The Secretariat proposed Mr Roland Bacher (Switzerland) to chair this session.

WG TECH unanimously elected Switzerland, in the shape of Mr Roland Bacher, to chair this session.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 14th session of WG TECH

Document: Provisional minutes (with delegates’ corrections)

The Secretariat had amended the provisional minutes in accordance with the corrections requested by the participants from the Republic of Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the representative of CER.

Conclusion:

The minutes of the 14th session of WG TECH were approved.
4. Uniform Technical Prescriptions (UTP)

4.1 UTP WAG Freight Wagons


Annexes B, J and PP to UTP WAG were presented for the first time.

RS proposed to delete the 4th column in Annex PP containing the codes for historical railways.

The OTIF Secretariat explained its proposal concerning freight wagon marking (including the GE and CW markings), which was supported by CER. ERA explained that as yet, there was no definitive solution for marking in the TSI Freight wagons (revised). The representative of the European Commission (EC) could not present the EU position, as the document had been sent out too late; this issue was being discussed between DG MOVE, ERA and CER in the context of the revision of the TSI WAG. The Chair reminded the meeting that a solution should be found by 14 July 2011, the date on which the documents for the 4th session of the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE) would be sent out.

The representative of the EC asked whether Chapters 0.2 and 0.3 were necessary. Mr Kafka confirmed that chapter 0.2 was not necessary.

The representative of the EC said he would send his detailed comments to the OTIF Secretariat by e-mail.

Conclusions:

1. UTP WAG: the whole of Chapter 1.5 was deleted,
2. Annex PP: in PP4, the 4th column was deleted.
3. Annex PP: MNE would check its alphabetical code (now MNE) and inform the OTIF Secretariat whether the code was correct by 10 June 2011 at the latest

WG TECH mandated DG MOVE and the OTIF Secretariat to close the remaining open points in UTP WAG.

The notified specific cases relating to international traffic between the OTIF Contracting States received by the OTIF Secretariat by the end of June 2011 would be submitted to the 4th session of CTE for approval.
4.2 UTP GEN-D Assessment Procedures (Modules)

Documents: A 94-01D/1.2011.rev1 UTP GEN-D Assessment Procedures (Modules)

In reply to comments from RS, DE and the representative of the EC the Secretariat informed, that by preparing the UTP GEN-D it tried to create regulations for assessing technical compatibility and safe integration. There was no regulation for it in COTIF.

Conclusions:

1. Chapter 0.1, third paragraph was deleted
2. Chapter 1.3.9 (page10) was deleted
3. Chapter 1.2 c) (page 5 and 6), the text in sub-bullets was deleted
4. the representative of the EC would send his proposals on Chapters 1 and 4 to the OTIF Secretariat by e-mail
5. Module SD: Chapter 3.1 (page 65), the text highlighted in yellow was deleted

WG TECH mandated DG MOVE, ERA and the OTIF Secretariat to finalise the UTP GEN-D document.

4.3 UTP NOI Rolling Stock - Noise


The representative of the EC questioned the necessity of Chapters 0.2 and 0.3.

There were no other comments.

Conclusion:

The notified specific cases relating to international traffic between the OTIF Contracting States received by the OTIF Secretariat by the end of June 2011 would be submitted to the 4th session of CTE for approval.

5. OTIF rules for certification and auditing the Entity in Charge of Maintenance (ECM)

Document: A 94-30/1.2011 OTIF rules for certification and auditing the ECM

For the first time, OTIF presented the OTIF rules for ECM certification in the two-column format.

CER and UIP requested the same dates in the EU and OTIF for the deadlines included in the transitional provisions, if possible. This would be subject to further discussion between DG MOVE and the OTIF Secretariat.

Conclusion:
As the EU Certification system only applies to freight wagons, “railway vehicle” would be replaced by “freight wagon” throughout the text.

6. Uniform format of certificates (Type & Operation)

The Secretariat explained that some MS had asked for these certificates to be adopted at the same time as UTP WAG. The Secretariat had started to draft the certificates, but not had time to prepare them for this session of WG TECH. It asked WG TECH to allow it to finalise the draft certificates and proposed to send the draft to WG TECH, with a two week period for any comments concerning the draft. After amending the certificates according to any comments received, the certificates could be submitted to the 4th session of CTE for adoption.

GE wondered whether it was in fact necessary to adopt these certificates at the next session of the CTE.

The representative of the EC suggested using the written procedure to adopt them after the 4th session of CTE.

Conclusion:

The Certificates would be mandatory. It would be useful, but not absolutely necessary, to have them approved by the 4th session of CTE.

7. Notification of the national technical requirements according to Article 12 of APTU

Document: A 92-01/1.2011 Status of the notifications of the national technical requirements in the Contracting States

The OTIF Secretariat presented the status of the notifications.

According to the representative of the EC, EU MS should not be obliged to notify because the OTIF SG should have access to Notif-IT, the EU database for the notification of national rules under Directive 2008/57/EC.

The OTIF Secretariat would send its position to DG MOVE concerning the question of notification of the national technical requirements expected from the EU OTIF MS as they become Contracting States by revoking, by the end of June 2011, their declarations according to Article 42 of the Convention not to apply APTU and ATMF.

8. OTIF Register system - Rolling Stock; National Vehicle Register

8.1 Amendments to document A 94-20/1.2009 adopted at the 3rd session of the Committee of Technical Experts (February 2009)

A 94-20/2.2011 OTIF Register system - Rolling Stock; National Vehicle
Register

The **Secretariat** prepared the document in accordance with EC Decision 2011/107/EU, amending Decision 2007/756/EC, which was the basis for document A 94-20/1.2009 prepared for adoption at the 3\textsuperscript{rd} session of CTE. The main changes were in chapter 3.2.5 concerning authorisation in several States.

**The representative of the EC** pointed out that ECMs were not referred to in the EU regulation in chapter 3.3, Access rights. **CER** supported including the ECM in this chapter.

The deadline for all EU NVRs to be connected to VVR was 31 December 2011.

**Conclusion:**

The **representative of the EC** would check within the EU whether the difference in access rights for ECM is acceptable.

9. **Preparation of the 4\textsuperscript{th} session of the Committee of Technical Experts on 14 and 15 September 2011**

WG TECH approved the following agenda for the 4\textsuperscript{th} session of the Committee of Technical Experts:

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Presence and quorum
3. Election of chairman
4. Report from the Committee of Technical Experts WG
5. UTPs (formerly called APTU Annexes)
   5.1 Renaming of the APTU Annexes in force to UTPs (according to APTU in force as of 01.12.2010)
   5.2 Amendment of the UTP GEN-B: DEFINITION OF SUBSYSTEMS
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10. Vehicle Keeper Marking
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Items 5, 6, 7 and 11.1 were for adoption, items 4, 8, 9, 10, 11.2 for information and items 11.3, 12 and 13 for discussion. The general quorum would be required for items 1 and 3, the restricted quorum (Contracting States only) for items for adoption.

According to Article 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the CTE, the deadline for convening the CTE (circular with invitation and provisional agenda) was 14 June 2011 and the deadline for sending the documents (in all three languages) was 14 July 2011.

Conclusion:

1. For item 4, Report from the Committee of Technical Experts WG, all participants of the WG TECH session were invited to submit their comments on the Report within one month of receiving the draft from the OTIF Secretariat.

2. For item 5.2, Amendment of the UTP GEN-B: DEFINITION OF SUBSYSTEMS, the OTIF Secretariat would send a draft document to DG MOVE for comments, and after consensus between the OTIF Secretariat and DG MOVE, would send it to all MS.

3. For item 7, Uniform formats of certificates (type & Operation), the OTIF Secretariat would send draft documents to DG MOVE and ERA for comments, and after consensus between the OTIF Secretariat and DG MOVE, would send it to all MS.

The representative of the EC said he would make every effort to send the OTIF Secretariat EU final remarks on the documents for the 4th session of CTE by no later that the first week in September.

10. Any other business

Chapter 0.2, ENTRY INTO FORCE, was not considered necessary and it was proposed to delete it from all UTPs.

ATMF, Article 15 § 3 – “ensure or ascertain”

CER submitted a proposal for the Explanatory Notes on ATMF Article 15. On the basis of this proposal, the OTIF Secretariat would prepare a document for CTE for discussion. The Explanatory Notes on ATMF Article 15 would be adopted at the next Revision Committee.

11. Next session

The next session of WG TECH would be held on 16 and 17 November 2011. Lille (ERA) was considered as the venue.

The 4th session of the Committee of Technical Experts would be held on 14 and 15 September 2011 in Berne, with the aim of adopting the UTP WAG Freight Wagons, UTP GEN-D Assessment Procedures (Modules), UTP NOI Rolling Stock - Noise, OTIF Rules for certification and auditing the ECM, UTP GEN-B: DEFINITION OF SUBSYSTEMS, renaming of the APTU Annexes in force to UTP (according to APTU in force as of 01.12.2010), Uniform...
formats of certificates (Type & Operation) and Amendment to document A 94-20/1.2009 (NVR) adopted at the 3rd session of CTE (February 2009).

The OTIF Secretariat planned to organise a workshop dedicated to UTPs and the certification and auditing of ECMs adopted at the 4th session of CTE. The proposed dates (12 and 13 October 2011) were not yet certain; the dates might be changed to two to four weeks later. It was agreed that ERA’s participation would be very welcome.

Three non-EU OTIF MS expressed their interest in a workshop organised by the OTIF Secretariat. All the workshops that were held benefited both the MS and OTIF.

The Chair thanked the delegates and the Secretariat and closed the meeting.
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