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TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 8th session

Subject: Statistics – Annual road transport of dangerous goods in million tonne-kilometres - the online data code: road_go_ta_dg

One of the Key Performance Indicators foreseen with a 2023 deadline in the Guidelines for Transport of Dangerous Goods¹ is the implementation of Council Directive 95/50/EC of 6 October 1995 on uniform procedures for checks on the transport of dangerous goods by road².

The Directive sets the following obligation:

"Article 9

- 1 . Each Member State shall send the Commission for each calendar year not later than twelve months after the end of that year a report, drawn up in accordance with the model in Annex III, on the application of this Directive, including the following particulars :
- if possible, determined or estimated volume of dangerous goods transported by road (in tonnes transported or in tonnes/kilometres³)".

EUROSTAT - the statistical office of the European Union - and EU Member States produce statistics on the distances over which dangerous goods are transported (in vehicle-kilometres) and the road transport performance in which dangerous goods are involved (in tonne-kilometres). For EU Member States, as well as for some EFTA and candidate countries, this information per category of dangerous goods can be retrieved from the EUROSTAT database under the online data code [road_go_ta_dg].

The representatives of EUROSTAT kindly agreed to attend the 8th session of the TDG Committee to present the overall Road Freight Transport Survey and the statistical requirements to EU Member States, EFTA and acceding countries for this collection of micro-data. The intervention will also refer to the importance of the cooperation between transport organisations and statistical institutes.

¹ Guidelines for Transport of Dangerous Goods - Transport Community (transport-community.org).

² OJ L 249, 17.10.1995, p. 35.

³ It is written "tonnes/kilometres" in the directive, but "tonne-kilometre" should be read instead (number of tonnes multiplied by number of kilometres).

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It is the intention of the TDG Technical Committee to invite a representative of a National Statistical Institute in a Regional Partner and an EU Member State to present the way they organize the data collection for road freight transport with an emphasis on dangerous goods.

There are different models for the collection of data in the EU, and the aim of these interventions will be to illustrate the variety of solutions put in place to develop such data collections.

The aim of this point of the Agenda is to ensure further coherence and cooperation between the TDG experts and representatives of their National Statistical Institutes.

Transport statistics should be considered in the development of transport policies and regulations, including the ones on transport of dangerous goods.

All delegations are kindly recommended to include in their delegations at least one transport statistics expert from the statistics department of the Ministry of Transport or the National Statistical Institute, as applicable. As the meeting will be hybrid, remote attendance is also possible in case of need.