



13th session – Technical Committee on Transport of Dangerous Goods

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Final Conclusions

1. The agenda of the meeting was adopted with a small modification concerning the timing of the follow-up on the TAIEX event.
2. The Technical Committee on Transport of Dangerous Goods (TCTDG) was opened by Transport Community Permanent Secretariat's Director, Matej Zakonjšek, who informed participants that the current Guidelines on transport of dangerous goods will not be modified up to the point where all deadlines expire. He underlined that the Key performance indicators foreseen for 2023 were complied with by only one Regional Partner, Kosovo*, who succeeded to achieve the first translation into Albanian of the ADR and RID, i.e. the Annexes of Directive 2008/68/EC on inland transport of dangerous goods. Therefore, he repeated the invitation to all Regional Partners to translate the ADR and RID in the regional languages. With relate to Directive 2022/1999 on harmonization of checks on road transport of dangerous goods, TCT Secretariat encouraged all Regional Partners and Observing Participants to work further in view to professionalization of their inspection services. He also thanked all participants in the TAIEX 85703 Regional Workshop on 112 and eCall of 21-22 February 2023, and in particular to the colleagues in the delegation of the Republic of North Macedonia for their cooperation with DG NEAR and TC in organizing the event. TCT Secretariat and the Commission are currently looking into ways of further proceeding with this issue. Finally, related to handing over the presidency of TC TDG from Albania to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr Zakonjšek thanked the chair, Ms Eneida Elezi, for an excellent work on transport of dangerous goods in 2023-2024 and wished that the upcoming presidencies follow her example in terms of mobilization of internal resources.
3. Claire Depre, HoU C.2 Road Safety, DG MOVE invited also all Regional Partners and Observing Participants to translate and to publish in regional languages the international agreements. This was highlighted as a first step that allows the not only the transport industry to adjust, but is a very relevant aspect for compliance with packing, classification and segregation rules for transport of dangerous goods. The access of every citizen to the rules cannot be assumed when documents are available in English or French only, as not all the relevant stakeholders can be obliged to know these languages.
4. Eneida Elezi from the Albanian Railways and TC TDG Chair welcomed participants and underlined the latest Albanian achievements and developments while holding TC TDG presidency in each transport area and within various fields.
5. Monica Stanciu, TCT Secretariat's Desk Officer for Transport of Dangerous Goods welcomed participants and representatives of the European Commission and thanked for their active participation. She explained that the session was meant to explain further the background of market surveillance and to also indicate the place of the Directive (EU) 2010/35 on transportable pressure equipment in a wider context of the gas market.
6. Mircea Ionescu, SNE Policy Expert, DG MOVE C.2 Road Safety, presented Directive 2010/35/EU on transportable pressure equipment (TPED). He highlighted the fact that the first step in implementation is the transposition of Directive 2008/68/EC which makes applicable the Annexes to ADR and RID to national transport. He explained that the Member States took this pragmatic approach in order to avoid regulatory costs and keep under control an essential part of the transport market. The technical rules comprised in the Annexes of ADR and RID provide for the background of application of Directive (EU)

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 (1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

2010/35 and Regional Partners and Observing Participants were kindly invited to further look into the relevant sections in ADR and RID, i.e. 1.8.6, 1.8.7 and the relevant sections in Part 6. TCT Secretariat was kindly invited to continue the activities concerning Directive (EU) 2010/35 and the gas market, in particular in relation to the activities related to accreditation and the activities of the European Accreditation (EA).

7. Mr. Torsten Tracht, ZLS Germany – Deputy Chair of the ADCO Group, also took the floor in order to kindly invite the Regional Partners and the Observing Participants that a first step of further opening their markets in accordance with TPED, is notification of inspection bodies to the United Nations Joint Meeting. This way, a first step of transparency and knowledge exchange can be ensured.
8. Orsolya Deli-Vidacs, Legal Officer - DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) presented The Blue Guide for market surveillance on the implementation of EU product rules 2022. The historical perspective of harmonization including five phases of the evolution were presented, from the old approach that included very detailed legislations to the The New Legislative Framework (2008). The objectives of the NLF were introduced, product coverage and its key features as well as the Union product legislation/acts aligned to the NLF. Blue Guide is a hands-on document explaining EU product legislation, its 1st edition was published in 1994 with a blue cover; subsequent editions followed in: 2000, 2014 and 2016. As per the latest update from 2022: Market Surveillance Regulation 2019/1020.
Christophe Roeland, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) The EU Regulation on market surveillance and compliance of products Reg. 2019/1020. Market surveillance in the EU, including single market for goods and market surveillance for non-food products were introduced. Scope of the Market surveillance regulation, including controls at the external borders, specific scope for article 4 and core objectives were explained. Moreover, key achievements so far and joint actions planned in 2024 per different areas were introduced.
9. The representative of ERA also drew attention to the fact that the Blue Guide is relevant also for conformity assessment issues related to railway vehicles according to general railway safety rules.
10. Monica Stanciu thanked the representatives of DG GROW and informed the audience that according to the latest information received from the ADCO Chair three Regional Partners were selected to participate in a project concerning market surveillance for TPED. Follow-up on this issue is to be expected as soon as possible.
11. Izabela Ostrowska and Dan Maixner, Legal Officers at DG GROW D.3 introduced the objectives and basics of other directives regulating the Gas market –Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) 2014/68/EU, Simple Pressure Vessels Directive (SPVD) 2014/29/EU and Aerosol Dispensers Directive (ADD) 75/324/EEC, the larger market of which TPED is a part of. The requirements applicable for each Directive were presented highlighting the fact that the allowable pressure $PS > 0.5$ bar is the common threshold for definition of all the above means of containment. Exemptions, such as pressure in footballs were applicable for all Directives. It was remarked that fire extinguishers are regulated under PED, while the use of such devices is also prescribed in ADR. Similarly, aerosols and simple pressure vessels are subject to ADR rules.
12. It was explained that Serbia is currently applying for a TAIEX series of events dealing with the Aerosols directive in comparison with TPED, while Albania is soon to have deployed a series of events related to TPED exclusively.
13. François Pondant, SPW – Belgium presented convergence between Directive 2008/68/EC and other legislation applicable for driver professional competence. The way the competences are defined at each level was presented. The specialized courses for ADR were presented, together with their evolution in the context of the reform of the Belgian administration and evolution of distribution of competences.
14. Monica Stanciu, TCT Secretariat's Desk Officer for Transport of Dangerous Goods briefly followed-up of the TAIEX 85703 Workshop on 112 & eCall. eCall has not been implemented anywhere in the region,



and the Transport Community will strive to achieve further progress in this area. On 21-22 February 2024 in cooperation with the colleagues from North Macedonia, TCT Secretariat organized a 2-day workshop to see how the common work in the WB6 can be enhanced and become more effective in this regard. The event gathered officials from the EU Delegation to North Macedonia, the European Emergency Number Association, the South East European Health Network, experts from the Greek Parliament, Emergency Response Agency in Finland, the Fire University in Warsaw, and the Emergency Medical Dispatch Centre in Slovenia. They were engaged in discussion with the officials of the Regional Partners and the Observing Participants to explore further developments concerning 112 deployment. The representative of DG NEAR, Mr. Roberto Mantero, also intervened in order to thank all delegations for active participation in the workshop and to remind them that TAIEX is open for further technical discussions, provided that requests are clearly written and timely transmitted via the respective platform. For ongoing activities, follow-up from the relevant institutions is expected in order to be able to proceed further.

15. The representative of Ministry of Interior in Albania, Ms. Holta Komino took the floor in order to thank for the TAIEX Series of events organized for the Albanian firefighters and to inform that her institutions is currently looking into ways of mobilizing donors for further actions. Monica Stanciu invited the Albanian Ministry of Interior to consider planning ahead its needs and to clarify the next steps so that TC can also envisage offering support. TAIEX and Twinning will remain at disposal to Regional Partners and Observer Members, looking to increase contribution to relevant topics and activities
16. The representative of the Customs, Mr. Andi Lara also asked for TC cooperation to develop a program to facilitate and ease the burden on customs of ADR transports.
17. The representative of Georgia, mr. Lasha Celidze took the floor to thank the Commission for announcing the upcoming TAIEX workshops concerning Directive 2022/1999 on roadside checks on TDG, and Ms. Valeria Sasco, from the Republic of Moldova, has applied for 3 TAIEX events, of which one will be dealing with implementation of ADR.
18. TCT Secretariat presented activities (TC meetings, workshops, events and conferences) envisaged for integration in the budget of the organization in 2025. All Regional Partners and Observing Participants were invited to contribute with their suggestions by end of March, in order to timely project the budget for next year.
19. The Presidency of the TDG Committee was handed over from Albania to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Miroslav Djeric, Ministry of Communications and Transport, sent a written information emphasizing that Bosnia and Herzegovina is going to do its best to participate more actively in the activities of the TDG Committee and in all other activities in the future period.
20. TCT Secretariat announced that the next Technical Committee meeting could take place in May 2024 in Podgorica.