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SUMMARY REPORT

Presentation on cargo securing in the Roadworthiness package

The Commission held a presentation on provisions of cargo securing included in the proposal on the technical roadside inspection as one part of the Roadworthiness Package which is currently under discussion at the European Parliament and the Council.

Update of Best Practice Guidelines

Firstly, the draft of best practice guidelines was introduced by stating background ideas and basic principles for safe cargo securing. A separate group for a drafting session was formed. It will consist of 7 volunteered experts.

Then guidelines were discussed chapter by chapter. As regards general background the main discussion concentrated on responsibility. Some experts asked to make it clear that drivers should not be responsible for cargo securing since they are not involved in loading. Packaging and load stability issue was left for drafting group to discuss. Some experts asked to add CTU requirements. As regards securing methods discussion was based on requirements for global blocking. It was suggested to mention the option of securing by friction only.

Regarding chapter of calculations one expert suggested deleting all formulas and making reference to relevant ISO standard instead. Other views suggested having the formulas in the text would avoid buying the standards. The question was raised whether examples should be included in this chapter. Regarding the check of cargo securing it was suggested the title should be drafting to clarify whether it refers to quick inspection or detailed inspection. It was also suggested that a calculation method implemented in an excel spreadsheet could be provided as part of the guidelines and hosted in the Commission webpage. It was suggested to add a section on measuring devices.

As regards chapter of examples it was suggested that more examples were needed to complete the chapter and the figures should be accompanied with advice. Regarding Appendixes it was suggested that the symbols used should be those of the standard. Concerning the references to be mentioned in the document it was suggested that they be limited to the most important documents. A discussion was held on the convenience of including load distribution issues and a favorable opinion seemed prevailed that some notions should be part of the document

Next steps

The Commission will upload the power point presentation of the state of play of the roadworthiness package discussions. The drafting committee agreed to have a first drafting session in Brussels end of August. A second drafting session will be held if necessary in April 2014. These two meetings would in principle provide enough time to prepare a final version of the guidelines which would then be presented to the to the expert group to be finalized and agreed in a plenary meeting to be held towards the end of the year.

Any other business

No discussion item has been raised under A.O

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UIRR: International Union for Road-Rail combined transport

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