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SUB-GROUP eFTI DELEGATED ACTS AND NETWORK OF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT
SUB-GROUP TO DIGITAL TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS FORUM
TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. BACKGROUND

Regulation (EU) No 2020/1056 on electronic freight transport information (eFTI) entered into force on 20 August 2020. Its implementation is a major building block for the digital transition in transport and logistics, and for achieving paperless freight transport by 2030, one of the milestones of the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy.

The eFTI Regulation confers on the European Commission the power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 2(3), Article 7, Article 12(5) and Article 13(3) of the Regulation. At the same time, the Commission is required to consult experts designated by each Member State during the preparation of the delegated acts¹.

In September 2018, the Commission established the Digital Transport and Logistics Forum (DTLF) as an expert group. The mandate of the group is, among others, to assist the Commission in the preparation of delegated acts in the field of digital transport and logistics, and to foster coordination between the Commission, Member States and key stakeholders in the field of digital transport and logistics more broadly². To benefit the most from the already established framework, routines and practices of the DTLF, the Commission decided to hold consultation meetings on the draft delegated acts under this framework, in a dedicated sub-group, with the title “Sub-group 3: Electronic Freight Transport Information (eFTI) Delegated Acts”, with membership consisting of experts designated by the Member States. The European Parliament and the Council of the European Union were also entitled to send experts to the meetings of this sub-group³.

While developing the eFTI implementation specifications, it became clear that the establishment and maintenance of the eFTI exchange environment components should rely on coordinated efforts of the Member States and be based on a harmonised interpretation of the technical specifications established in the implementing and delegated acts. Recognising this

¹ in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making and detailed in its annex “Common Understanding between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on Delegated Acts” (OJ L 123, 12.5.2016).

² Commission Decision of 13.9.2018 setting up the group of experts on digital freight transport and logistics: the Digital Transport and Logistics Forum, C(2018) 5921 final.

³ In accordance with the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making.

necessity, Article 13 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) C(2024) 4572 of 5 July 2024⁴ provides for the creation of a dedicated working group as a sub-group of DTLF, tasked with ensuring that eFTI operations are conducted at the required level of quality.

To address these evolving implementation needs, it was deemed appropriate to expand the mandate of the existing DTLF sub-group, and to rename it as “Sub-group for eFTI delegated acts and network of operational support”. This reflects the strong connection between the scope of work of the proposed network of operational support and the existing eFTI Delegated Acts expert group, as well as the overlap in their memberships.

The purpose of the restructured sub-group is to assist in the preparation of delegated acts, share updates on the operational status of the eFTI exchange with the Commission and other Member States, provide assistance to the Commission in resolving technical and operational issues that require coordination and operational guidance at Union level, as well as to contribute to drafting technical guidance documents in support of the implementation of the eFTI Regulation.

For any aspect not explicitly mentioned in these terms of reference, the sub-group shall operate in compliance with the terms of reference and rules of procedure of DTLF and the Commission’s horizontal rules on expert groups (‘the horizontal rules’)⁵.

2. SUBJECT MATTER

The mandate of the ‘Sub-group for eFTI delegated acts and network of operational support’ is set up.

3. TASKS

The sub-group’s tasks shall be:

- to assist DG MOVE in the preparation of delegated acts, notably those referred to in Article 2(3), Article 7, Article 12(5) and Article 13(3) of Regulation (EU) 2020/1056;
- to establish cooperation and coordination between the Commission and Member States on questions relating to the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2020/1056, in line with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) C(2024) 4572 of 05 July 2024.

4. MEMBERSHIP

1. Members of the sub-group shall be Member States' authorities.
2. Member States’ authorities shall nominate their representatives and shall be responsible for ensuring that their representatives provide a high level of expertise. Member States’ authorities shall inform DG MOVE in advance of the expert(s) that shall represent them at a specific sub-group meeting.

⁴ Art. 13 of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) C(2024) 4572 of 5 July 2024.

⁵ C(2016) 3301.

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