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ANNEX ON [MX/CL/MU/TR propose, CH/NZ considering: INTERNATIONAL] ROAD FREIGHT TRANSPORT AND RELATED LOGISTICS SERVICES

EU does not see a clear value in this Annex given the nature of road transport.

Article 2: Scope and Coverage

2.1 [CH/CL/LI/PK/TR/MU/MX/PA propose, US/NZ/HK/JP/CA/TW/PE considering: This Annex applied to measures by Parties affecting trade in international road freight transport services [TR propose: and related supporting and auxiliary services.]

[TR/CH/MU/US/PA propose, AU/HK/MX/PE/CA/CL/PK/LI/JP/TW/NZ considering:

2.2 This Annex does not apply to services to the extent that such services fall within the scope of a Party's **[TR propose:** and in the case of the European Union a Member State's] cabotage regime.

2.3[MU/TR propose, CA/JP/PK/US/CH/PA considering: Where applicable and subject to the disciplines of Article V of the GATT 1994 [MU considering: and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement], this Annex also covers transit traffic.]

Parties to reflect on whether we should refer to TFA. (MU expressed its concerns about TFA being a conditional agreement which is not entered into force yet. TR expressed its flexibility to remove the reference to TFA.)

[TR/MU propose: CL/MX/PK/US/CH/CA/NZ/PE/TW considering: Article 3: Definitions

For the purposed of this Annex;

3.1 *Vehicle* means a commercial motor vehicle or a coupled combination of vehicles registered in a Party, used exclusively for the carriage of good;

3.2 International Road Freight Transport Services means:

(a) a laden journey undertaken by a vehicle, the point of departure and the point of arrival of which are in two different Parties, with or without transit through one or more Parties, or third countries;

(b) a laden journey undertaken by a vehicle from a Party to a third country or vice versa, with transit through one or more Parties;

(c) an unladen journey in conjunction with the carriage referred to in points (a) and (b)

3.4 *Service Supplier* means any person that supplies road freight transport services as defined in CPC 7123

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3.6 *Transit* means transport of goods across the territory of a Party when the passage across such territory is only a portion of a complete journey beginning and terminating beyond the frontier of the Party across whose territory the traffic passes.¹

[PK/US/CH propose, LI/HK/JP considering 3.7: Road freight transport services means services classified under CPC 7123]

Linked to satisfactory outcome on the exclusion of cabotage in Article 2.2

[PE/PK/US/CH propose, MU/LI/HK/JP considering: Alt.3.8 Related supporting and auxiliary services means services classified under **[MU oppose:** CPC 741], 742 and 749 which are supplied in support of international road freight transport]]

Parties to reflect on whether adding "cargo-handling services" in the scope of the Annex is indispensable. TR expressed its flexibility to remove this subsector from the scope.

Article 5: Domestic Regulation

Article 5.1

[**TR propose**, **AU/CA/CL/JP/MX/MU/PE/PK/US/NZ/CH/CO/HK considering:** Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of the Annex on Domestic Regulation, the provisions of that Annex shall apply to measures affecting trade in services covered by this Annex.]

Article 5.2

[**TR propose; AU/CA/US/PA/MU/CL/MX considering:** No Party may adopt or maintain and discriminatory measure that:

- a) requires combined transport² [where relevant road transport infrastructure is available], or;
- b) prevents a service supplier from selecting among commercially available combined transport operators.]

One Party raised concerns about the scope of the Annex and subparagraph (b) of this Article. *TR* to work bilaterally with concerned Parties to find a solution.

Article 5.3

[TR/CH/MU/US propose, AU/CA/PA/MX/PK/HK/CL/PE/JP considering: 5.3 Each Party shall permit cross-border movement and transit of transport equipment such as containers necessary for the supply of services covered by this Annex, on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent a Party from applying customs duties and administrative procedures to such equipment.]

Article 5.4

¹ For the purpose of this Article Party means a Member State in the case of the European Union.

² Combined transport means transport of goods where the loading unit or the vehicle is transported by rail or inland waterway for a part of the journey.

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[TR/MU propose, AU/CA/US/CH/PA/HK/MX/CL considering: 5.4 A Party shall not adopt or maintain a measure requiring a service supplier of another Party to follow a specific route that does not apply to its own like service suppliers.]

Article 5.7

[TR propose, AU/CA/US/CH/PA/CO/MU/MX/CL considering: With a view to preventing avoidable loss or deterioration of perishable goods³ each Party shall give appropriate priority to service suppliers and their vehicles carrying perishable goods when scheduling any examinations that may be required **[CH/TR propose:** for crossing borders]

Article 5.8

[CH/TR/MU/US/CL propose; CA/JP considering: If the competent authorities of a Party require the deposit of a financial guarantee as a condition to supply a service covered by this Annex in its territory, they shall set such guarantee at a reasonable level, having regard to the risk involved, and shall release the guarantee in a timely manner. This paragraph does not apply to requirements related to the presence of natural persons]

Article 6: Access to and use of the public infrastructure

[**TR propose, AU/CA/CH/JP/MX/PE/US/PA considering; 6:** A Party shall not adopt or maintain any measure that would deny service suppliers of another Party access to and use of relevant transportation infrastructure⁴ on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions.]

[AU considering: Article 7: Transparency

[TR/US/CA propose, CH/MU/PK,PE,MX,HK/CL/CO considering; JP oppose: Further to [Transparency paragraph 1] Each Party shall make publicly available on internet relevant information on conditions for the supply of their services covered by this Annex, including, where applicable:

One Party raised concerns about the phrase being too broad. TR to work with concerned Parties to find a solution.

- a) weight and dimensions for vehicles
- b) customary fees
- c) customs laws and procedures]

Article 9: Exceptions

[CH/HK/MX/MU/PK/TR propose, CL/CA considering: Subject to the requirement that such measures are not applied in a manner which would constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination between countries where like conditions prevail, or a disguised

³ For the purposes of this provision, perishable goods are goods that rapidly decay due to their natural characteristics, in particular in the absence of appropriate storage conditions.

⁴ For purposes of this Article relevant transportation infrastructure means any infrastructure,

including roadside facilities, necessary for the supply of covered services that is made generally available to the service suppliers.

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restriction on trade in services, nothing in this Annex shall be construed to prevent the adoption or enforcement by any Party of measures:

(a) necessary [**MU oppose:** to protect the integrity] and proper operation of its transportation infrastructure (b) necessary to secure compliance with its road safety standards.]

Some Parties raised serious concerns on having a specific exceptions article for this Annex. TR and MU expressed flexibility on removing this Article. Other Parties (CH/MX/HK/PK/CL and CA) to reflect on whether they have flexibility for removing this Article especially considering the level of obligations in the Annex.