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ACTIVITY AND BUDGET REPORT 2006

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1. MAIN DEVELOPMENTS

The main developments are as follows:

Participation

- The Islamic Republic of Iran sent an application for participation in January 2006. Basic documentation is awaited before proceeding with an evaluation;
- Serbia & Montenegro, the evaluation report has been prepared after the July 2005 visit. It is currently being submitted to the present Annual meeting;
- Croatia had submitted an official application to join the Codes in 2003. Since then there has been no follow-up from them.

The number of participating countries is currently 28 (Austria, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States, United Kingdom, and Turkey).

2. SIGNIFICANT ISSUES in 2005

- OECD/ISO Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 5 September 2005 by Mr. Alan Bryden, Secretary General of ISO and Mr. Herwig Schlögl, Deputy Secretary General of OECD. Through this Memorandum, OECD and ISO agree on technical cooperation and work towards the harmonisation of agricultural tractor testing procedures with the aim of achieving some dual designated international standards. Common test methods and procedures to measure performance, efficiency and safety would be beneficial through wider recognition and use to the consumer.
- Interaction with European Union regulatory work is increasing as the EU directive 2003/37/EC recognises the OECD test reports for ROPS. The European Union now refers to C(2005)1, the most recent OECD Council Decision which includes safety belt anchorage points. Current work is on FOPS regulations.

3. ACTIVITIES

Meetings

Since the last Annual Meeting, the following events have taken place:

- Meeting of the Working Group on Updating the OECD Tractor Performance Codes was held at Gross-Umstadt, Germany from 23-25 May, 2005. It was attended by 18 participants from 9 countries.
- The 13th Biennial Test Engineer's Conference was held at Beijing and Luoyang, China from 20-25 September, 2005. It was attended by 62 participants from 14 countries.
- Meeting of the Working Group on Updating the OECD Tractor Performance Codes was held at Antony, Paris on 23 January 2006. It was attended by 15 participants from 5 countries.

Documentation

The following documentation has been issued since the last annual meeting:

14 Technical documents	AGR/CA/T
2 Agendas	AGR/CA/T/A
4 Summary Records	AGR/CA/T/M
32 Room documents	AGR/CA/T/RD

Missions and events

The Secretariat participated in, and/or made a presentation on the Tractor Codes on the following occasions:

	Mission	Destination
2005	Meeting of ISO/TC23 SC13-WG15 - January (Tractors)	Mannheim
	EU: 79 th Meeting of the Working Group on Agricultural Tractors - February (General)	Brussels
	Working Group meeting on updating the Tractor Codes - May	Gross-Umstadt (Germany)
	Country evaluation mission to Serbia & Montenegro with a view to its admission to Tractor Codes - July	Belgrade
	13th Biennial Test Engineers Conference - September	Beijing, Luoyang (China)
	Visit to ISO - October (Tractors)	Geneva
	Tractors meeting at Bologne - November	Italy
2006	EU: Meeting of the Working Group on Agricultural Tractors - February (General)	Brussels

Web site

The database now contains 2-page summaries of performance test reports. Test summaries as well as performance curves from 1997 onwards are now available on-line for consultation. In 2005, 165 files of performance curves for 1999/2000 and 64 files of test summaries and performance curves for a part of 1997 have been made available on-line. However, 411 files for the period 1993 to part of 1997 remain to be converted to the new database. OECD approved tests from earlier years are still applicable to the market. Work will continue on this within the limit of resources available.

4. BUDGET

We are currently in the first year of the budgetary biennium (2005-2006). Budgetary pressures continue. In 2006, an estimated increase of 2% is expected in the overall OECD budget with once again a 2% increase in staff salaries and 0.4% increase in cost of health insurance. A severe increase in overhead charges for all OECD Part II programmes, which would come into effect from 2007, is currently being debated within the Organisation.

Mission expenditure continues to be closely monitored with long-haul flight tickets undertaken at the lowest tariff possible in spite of staff being entitled to business class travel.

Budget fungibility continues to allow for the optimisation of expenditure and a certain degree of flexibility.

Arrears

A new policy concerning arrears on assessed contributions by non-members is under discussion at the OECD. In view of the potentially negative consequences for the budget of the Tractor Codes, the Secretariat has reinforced its efforts to recuperate outstanding payments. To this effect, there has been a certain level of success in 2004-2005:

- On 16 February 2005*, the total outstanding amounts for Member countries was 155,594.59€ compared to 16 February 2006* which is 86,336.37€ (69,258.22€ has since been recuperated).
- On 16 February 2005*, the total outstanding amounts for Non-Member countries was 43,189.52€ compared to 16 February 2006* which is 33,415.33€ (9,774.19€ has since been recuperated).

The situation concerning arrears is summarised in Table 2.

* A fixed date taken for reference

TABLES

1. SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS 2006
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SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

HOW IS THE CONTRIBUTION CALCULATED?

Calculation of the annual contribution is based on a lump sum payment (currently EUROS 3000) plus a variable fee based on the OECD Scales of Contribution. The Scales of Contribution are approved by the OECD Council each year.

The table below shows how the 2006 contribution will be calculated for three countries: Iceland, United States and France (not binding).

- Minimum paying countries such as Iceland, India and Luxembourg;
- Maximum paying countries such as United States; and
- Other countries such as France etc.

Country	2006 Budget	2006 Lumpsum (x)	2006 No. of countries	Total Lumpsum (x * 28)	Budget Minus Lumpsum (y)	Country %	y * % (z)	Contribution (x+z)
Iceland	289900	3000	28	84000	205900	0.100	205.90	3205.90
United States	289900	3000	28	84000	205900	24.975	51423.53	54423.53
France	289900	3000	28	84000	205900	7.530	15504.27	18504.27

TABLE 1

Scale of contributions 2006 (provisional)

MEMBER COUNTRIES	<u>SCALE</u>	
AUSTRIA	1.085	
BELGIUM	1.350	
CZECH REPUBLIC	0.326	*
DENMARK	0.872	
FINLAND	0.684	
FRANCE	7.530	
GERMANY	10.520	
GREECE	0.712	
ICELAND	0.100	
IRELAND	0.547	*
ITALY	6.068	
JAPAN	19.699	
KOREA	2.566	
LUXEMBOURG	0.101	
NETHERLANDS	2.325	
NORWAY	0.974	
POLAND	0.850	
PORTUGAL	0.624	
SLOVAKIA	0.123	*
SPAIN	3.705	*
SWEDEN	1.248	
SWITZERLAND	1.644	
TURKEY	0.809	*
UNITED KINGDOM	8.079	
UNITED STATES	24.975	
NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES		
CHINA	1.325	*
INDIA	0.100	
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	1.059	*
Total	100.000	

* Application of the rule of 10% maximum increase from one year to the next

TABLE 2

ARREARS AT 16 FEBRUARY 2006 (in Euros)

	1993	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	TOTAL
MEMBER COUNTRIES									
AUSTRIA									
BELGIUM								5,644	5,644
CZECH REPUBLIC									
DENMARK									
FINLAND									
FRANCE									
GERMANY									
GREECE								590	590
ICELAND								286	286
IRELAND									
ITALY									
JAPAN									
KOREA									
LUXEMBOURG									
NETHERLANDS									
NORWAY									
POLAND									
PORTUGAL									
SLOVAKIA									
SPAIN									
SWEDEN									
SWITZERLAND									
TURKEY									
UNITED KINGDOM								12,075	12,075
UNITED STATES	14,292.10					49.27		53,400	67,741.37
TOTAL	14,292.10					49.27		71,995	86,336.37
NON MEMBER COUNTRIES									
CHINA				945.18					945.18
INDIA									
RUSSIAN FEDERATION		4,573.47	4,573.47	4,573.47	4,563.33	4,524.06	4,719.35	4,943	32,470.15
TOTAL		4,573.47	4,573.47	5,518.65	4,563.33	4,524.06	4,719.35	4,943	33,415.33

TABLE 3

2006 BUDGET

	2005 Credits	Changes over the base	Increase or reduction in resources in 2006 compared to 2005	Credits for 2006 in volume	Technical and statutory adjustments	Credits proposed for 2006
	1	2	3	4 (1 + 2 + 3)	5	6 (4 + 5)
Permanent Staff	163,800			163,800	5,000	168,800
Allowances Permanent Staff	15,000			15,000		15,000
Official Travel	5,100			5,100		5,100
Consultants and Contracts	2,400			2,400	100	2,500
Telephone	800			800		800
Postage	3,100		(1,000)	2,100		2,100
Rent and charges	21,500			21,500	600	22,100
Stationery/office supplies	200			200		200
Office furniture	500			500		500
Overhead payment for OECD general services	15,600			15,600	300	15,900
Documentation and Library	1,400			1,400		1,400
Photocopies	200			200		200
Document reproduction	14,200		(2,000)	12,200		12,200
Interpretation	6,100			6,100	200	6,300
Meetings (room hire)	12,700			12,700	300	13,000
Translations	8,100			8,100	200	8,300
Publications	11,300			11,300	300	11,600
Unforeseen expenditure	600			600		600
Investment expenditure						
IT Services	3,200			3,200	100	3,300
Total	285,800		(3,000)	282,800	7,100	289,900