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**PROCEDURE FOR CHECKING AND CERTIFICATION OF
EQUIPMENT USED IN THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF
PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS UNDER THE ATP AGREEMENT**

Transmitted by the Russian Federation

**PROCEDURE FOR CHECKING AND CERTIFYING THAT SPECIAL
EQUIPMENT DESIGNED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF
PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS
OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF
PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE***

I. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. This paper, which has been drawn up in pursuance of regulation No. 778-r** adopted by the Russian Government on 8 June 2001, sets out the procedure for checking and certifying that special equipment designed for the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs by road complies with the requirements of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for Such Carriage (ATP), signed in Geneva on 1 September 1970.

2. The principal purpose of checking and certifying equipment designed for the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs is to ensure the discharge of the Russian Federation's obligations as a contracting party to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for Such Carriage.

3. Motor vehicles designed for the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs are subject to checks for compliance with the requirements of ATP.

ATP defines the categories and classes of such vehicles.

4. The frequency of checks of motor vehicles designed for the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs must correspond to the requirements of ATP.

5. The principal tasks involved in checks and certification are confirmation that the insulating capacity of the motor vehicles and the efficiency of the heating or refrigeration equipment installed on them comply with the requirements of ATP, and the issue of the appropriate certificate as laid down by ATP.

6. Motor vehicles are checked for compliance with the requirements of ATP by means of tests and expert checks carried out by testing stations and expert organizations (experts).

* The procedure provides for checks of the insulating capacity of motor vehicles and the efficiency of the heating or refrigeration equipment installed on them.

** Compendium of legislation of the Russian Federation, 2001, No. 24, article 2497.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF CHECKING AND CERTIFYING THAT MOTOR VEHICLES COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ATP

7. The activities involved in checking and certifying that motor vehicles comply with the requirements of ATP are organized by the unit of the Ministry of Transport dealing with motor transport issues, which performs the following functions in accordance with the tasks assigned to it:

(a) Review of applications for the operation of testing stations and expert organizations (experts) and determination of compliance with the requirements of ATP;

(b) In the light of the review of the applications, drafting of a corresponding decision by the Ministry of Transport authorizing testing stations and expert organizations (experts) to conduct tests and expert checks of motor vehicles for compliance with the requirements of ATP;

(c) Conduct of inspections of testing stations and expert organizations (experts) no more than once every two years to verify compliance with the requirements laid down in the present Procedure, calling in representatives of other ministries and departments where necessary;

(d) Issue to motor vehicles of certificates of compliance with the requirements of ATP;

(e) Together with the Ministry of Transport unit dealing with issues of international cooperation, cooperation with the competent bodies of countries which are contracting parties to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for Such Carriage in respect of the mutual recognition of certificates of compliance and test reports;

(f) Review of the level of compliance with the requirements of ATP within the Russian Federation and organization of appropriate corrective measures;

(g) Together with the Ministry of Transport unit dealing with issues of international cooperation, provision of the requisite information on checks of motor vehicles for compliance with the requirements of ATP to interested organizations and State agencies, including the competent bodies in countries which are parties to ATP.

8. In order to review applications for the operation of testing stations and expert organizations (experts) and ascertain compliance with the conditions laid down in the present Procedure, the Ministry of Transport sets up a commission composed of representatives of the Ministry of Transport, the State Committee on Standards, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Industry, Science and Technology, as well as other appropriate organizations. A senior official of the Ministry of Transport is appointed to chair the committee.

9. In reviewing applications for the operation of testing stations and expert organizations (experts), the commission verifies whether the following conditions have been met:

(a) An industrial base, including testing, checking and measuring equipment, which complies with the standards applicable to their operation, and with the methods for testing or expert checks of the insulating capacity of vehicles and the efficiency of their heating or refrigeration equipment in accordance with the requirements of ATP;

(b) Personnel who have undergone special training in checking in accordance with the requirements of ATP and possess practical skills in the checking of motor vehicles;

(c) An up-to-date set of documents covering standards, legislation, organization and methods, references and other information concerning the checking of motor vehicles for compliance with the requirements of ATP;

(d) The financial and organizational ability to perform their functions in checking motor vehicles for compliance with the requirements of ATP, and to respect statutory requirements and legislation relating to the activities of legal entities.

10. The findings of the review are recorded in the proceedings of the commission. If the findings are favourable, the Ministry of Transport decides to authorize the testing stations and expert organizations (experts) to conduct tests and expert checks of motor vehicles for compliance with the requirements of ATP.

III. PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF CHECKING AND CERTIFYING THAT MOTOR VEHICLES COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ATP

11. In order to arrange tests or expert checks of motor vehicles for compliance with the requirements of ATP, the applicants (owners of vehicles or their representatives, as indicated in ATP) contact the testing stations or expert organizations (experts) which have been duly authorized by the competent bodies of the countries which are contracting parties to ATP.

12. The testing of motor vehicles and the issue of test reports in accordance with the requirements of ATP are carried out by the testing stations.

13. The expert checks of motor vehicles and the issue of reports of expert checks in accordance with the requirements of ATP are carried out by the expert organizations (experts) or testing stations.

14. In order to obtain a certificate attesting that their motor vehicles comply with the requirements of ATP, the applicants (owners of vehicles or their representatives, as indicated in ATP) send the unit of the Ministry of Transport dealing with motor transport issues an application on the form annexed to this paper.

15. On the basis of the test reports issued by the testing stations and expert organizations (experts), the unit of the Ministry of Transport dealing with motor transport issues provides the applicant with a certificate attesting that the vehicle complies with the requirements of ATP on a form which corresponds to the sample annexed to ATP.
16. Certificates issued by the competent bodies of foreign countries which are contracting parties to ATP are temporary and must be replaced by certificates issued by the unit of the Ministry of Transport dealing with motor transport issues within three months from the official registration of the vehicle.
17. Applicants (owners of vehicles or their representatives, as indicated in ATP) who have obtained a certificate that their vehicles comply with the requirements of ATP may affix to the vehicle a certification plate indicating this status, whose form, description and position must correspond to the requirements of ATP.
18. Vehicles used in the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs by road which comply with the requirements of ATP must carry distinguishing marks and particulars in accordance with the requirements of ATP.
19. During international road transport operations the drivers of vehicles which comply with the requirements of ATP must carry a certificate attesting that the vehicle complies with the requirements of ATP (or a photocopy thereof), which must be presented to inspection officials from State agencies monitoring international road transport operations.

Annex

to the Procedure for checking and certifying that special equipment designed for the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs complies with the requirements of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for Such Carriage

To the Head of the Department of Motor Transport
Ministry of Transport
Russian Federation

(Full name)

Application

for the issue of a certificate of compliance with the requirements of ATP for a motor vehicle

1. _____

(Designation of applicant)

in the person of _____ requests the issue of a certificate

(Title, full name of head of organization)

of compliance with the requirements of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for Such Carriage (ATP)

for _____

(lorry, trailer, semi-trailer, etc.; registration number,
chassis (body) number, engine number)

belonging to _____ or operated by _____

(name)

(name)

represented by _____

(name)

2. Details of applicant:

2.1 Legal domicile (residential address of the individual entrepreneur) _____

2.1 [sic] Telephone/fax numbers _____

2.2 Bank details _____

3. All costs associated with the issue of a certificate of compliance with the requirements of ATP shall be paid by the due date.

Head of the organization _____

(Signature)

(Full name)

Chief accountant _____

(Signature)

(Full name)
