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Recommendations from the IIR Sub-commission CERTE to WP.11

The CERTE (Certification Testing and quality of transport Equipment used for perishable products and other temperature-sensitive materials) sub-commission of the IIR (International Institute of Refrigeration), held its annual meeting in Prague, Czech Republic on June 5th and 6th 2008. It was agreed that this sub-commission should issue recommendations to the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11). As an expert group it is the duty of the sub-commission to assist the WP.11 from a technical point of view. Therefore, the sub-commission agreed on the following points:

1. The CERTE Group regrets the fact that Article 18 still gives 1 Contracting Party the possibility to object to a proposal. The group supports the idea that Portugal's proposal for a change of the number of Contracting Parties that have to object a proposal before it is refused officially is reissued and discussed.
2. The CERTE Group supports in principle the proposal made by Czech Republic on fuel consumption measurement and recommends to include the proposal in the ATP Handbook.
3. The CERTE Group supports in principle the common interpretation that the technical specification required in 4c, Annex 1, Appendix1 of the ATP should be delivered by the manufacturer itself.
4. The CERTE Group maintains its position from last year and strongly supports the French proposal concerning the "Cool down time when testing of mechanically refrigerated equipment in service, § 49 b".
5. The CERTE Group supports in principle the need to include requirements in paragraph 49 of the ATP concerning maintenance for refrigeration units. These requirements could be completed by additional recommendations in the ATP Handbook. The group strongly supports this proposal.