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Proposals of amendments to the ATP: New proposals

Proposal for an amendment of the ATP certificate¹

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden

Summary

Executive summary: The official ATP certificate reproduced in Annex 1, Appendix 3 of the Agreement, includes a box to be used for "Multi-temperature equipment". The corresponding test procedure, however, is still not determined. To ensure that the amended layout of the ATP certificate is in line with the requirements as they appear in the ATP Agreement, it is proposed to delete this box.

Action to be taken: Deletion of the box for multi-temperature equipment from the ATP certificate as well as the corresponding footnote No. 4. Renumber the remaining footnotes accordingly.

Related documents: TRANS/WP.11/198, paras. 48-62 and annex 4,
TRANS/WP.11/2000/1,
TRANS/WP.11/2000/2,
TRANS/WP.11/202
ECE/TRANS/WP.11/220

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Introduction

1. In order to guarantee the preservation of quality of perishable foodstuffs during their carriage a number of parameters are important, e.g. performance of the cooling unit as well as the reliability of the transport equipment. Requirements for transport equipment are described in Annex 1, Appendix 2. For transport equipment fulfilling these requirements an ATP certificate as reproduced in Annex 1, Appendix 3 of the Agreement will be issued by the competent authority.

Proposal

2. Deletion of the box for multi-temperature equipment from the ATP certificate as reproduced in Annex 1, Appendix 3 as well as the corresponding footnote No. 4. Renumber the remaining footnotes accordingly.

Justification

3. During the fifty-sixth session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) (Geneva, 30 October-2 November 2000) document TRANS/WP.11/2000/1 concerning requirements for the procedures for the approval of multi-compartment, multi-vehicles transmitted by the expert from Germany was withdrawn and it was decided that the issue should be discussed in greater depth at the meeting of the D2² Sub-Commission on testing stations in Cracow.

4. The need was recognised for a provisional model certificate in ATP for multi-compartment, multi-temperature vehicles (TRANS/WP.11/2000/2) pending the adoption by the Working Party of a procedure on which the model certificate would be based.

5. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Working Party decided to amend Annex 1, Appendix 3 of the ATP to take account of multi-compartment, multi-temperature vehicles. The advantage of this solution was that the number of certificates to be issued would not increase. It was decided that the question should be kept on the agenda.

6. Now, at least 10 years later, still no legal requirements for the procedures for the approval of multi-compartment, multi-temperature vehicles exist.

7. The amended layout of the ATP certificate will be in line with the requirements as they appear in the ATP Agreement.

Simplification

8. The introduction of an amended ATP certificate will ease the work of competent authorities.

² Today, Sub-Commission on Refrigerated Transport (CERTE) of the International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR).

Feasibility

9. The amendment proposed is expected to improve practical life.

Enforceability

10. No problem of enforcement is foreseen.
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