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Status and implementation of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP):**Exchange of information among Parties under Article 6 of ATP****Responses to questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP¹****Note by the secretariat****Introduction**

1. At its sixty-fifth session in 2009, the Working Party thanked those countries that had provided data for the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2009/5) and stressed the importance of more countries responding to the questionnaire in 2010 if it was to be a meaningful exercise.
2. The secretariat requested all Contracting Parties to ATP to reply to the questionnaire with their 2009 data by 3 May 2010. The data received are presented in the tables below.
3. Information on the number of checks made and on breaches detected in 2009 was provided by Czech Republic, Finland, France, Slovak Republic and Spain (see Table 1 below).

¹ Submitted in accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010-2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106; ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.11).

Table 1
Number of checks made and breaches detected in 2009

<i>Country</i>	<i>CZ</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>FIN</i>	<i>SK</i>
Number of ATP road checks	93	*	1 288	44	787
Number of ATP rail checks			0	0	0
Breaches documents domestic/foreign		429/9	38/1	7/7	2
Breaches thermal appliances domestic/foreign	6	50/2	1/0	0/1	2
Breaches body domestic/foreign	23	99/2	34/1	1/1	6
Other breaches domestic/foreign		0/0	5/0	1/1	8
Total breaches domestic/foreign	29	538/13	73/1	9/10	18
% of defective equipment			6 %	43 %	2.29 %

Notes:

* The total number of checks was not provided.

4. Additional information on the number of certificates issued in 2009 was provided by Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Netherlands, Poland, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Spain and United Kingdom (see Table 2 below).

Table 2
Additional information on compliance with ATP: number of certificates issued in 2009

<i>Country</i>	<i>CZ</i>	<i>DK</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>FIN</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>NL</i>	<i>PL</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>SK</i>
1 st certificate new equipment	270	378	5 584	14 767	561	1 189	31	503	724	528	1
2 nd certificate inspection	45	12	9 731		221	0		323	936	42	113
2 nd certificate K value	0	0	0		0	118		0	3	0	0
3 rd certificate inspection	30	96	7 564	13 408	72	0		107	531	31	12
3 rd certificate K value	0	0	0		0	16		0	3	0	0
4 th certificate inspection	5	44	11 444		20	0		0	120	8	0
4 th certificate K value	0	0	0		1	1		0	26	0	0
Total	350	662	34 323	28 175	830	1 324		933	2 343	609	126
Duplicates	24	132	972	0	0	133		11	40	5	7
Scrapped						46					

Notes:

France: Missing details are due to a change in the national database in 2009.

Finland: Certificates marked as "duplicate" are not issued in Finland. Instead, new certificates are issued to replace lost or erroneous ones. The number of such certificates was 14 in 2009 and they are included in the figures above.

Ireland: Data extracted from an Excel table and not confirmed.

United Kingdom: Duplicates are replacements rather than duplicates.

5. With the exception of France and Slovakia, a lower number of first certificates for new equipment seem to have been issued in 2009. This may be an indication of the effects of the recession.

6. The secretariat also requested countries to provide any complementary information for Informal document INF.2 issued at the sixty-fifth session of WP.11 in 2009. In response, Sweden provided the following explanatory text regarding ATP checks in Sweden:

"In Sweden, the ATP provisions apply to transport to and from all countries participating in the ATP agreement, but not to domestic transport. Official control of the validity of ATP certificates accompanying the transport equipment is exercised only in conjunction with customs control. No such control is exercised on transport to and from EU Member States and countries under the EEA agreement."
