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Definitions of "perishable foodstuffs" for inclusion in the ATP Handbook**Transmitted by the Government of the Russian Federation**

1. On the Internet websites available to us there are definitions of "perishable foodstuffs" given below:

"The term "perishable" refers to the foodstuffs listed in the ATP Agreement, which require protection from the effects of high and low temperatures during the transportation to maintain the quality and safety";

"Perishable foodstuffs are those that require protection measures (cooling, heating, ventilation) against the effect of high or low temperatures or care services during the transportation to maintain the quality and safety";

"Products that need a special temperature and / or other regimes and rules to secure, without ensuring that they can cause harm to human health should be regarded as perishable and highly perishable products, which should be stored in cold conditions and are intended for short-term implementation";

"Perishable goods are goods which are need to be protected during the rail transportation from the effects of high and low temperatures, care or special care in transit";

"Perishable foodstuffs are products that require to maintain the quality and safety of special temperature and / or other regimes and rules, without ensuring that they go under the irreversible changes, resulting in harm to the health of consumers or damage."

2. With regard to the Codex Alimentarius, representing a set of standards for food products, for the purposes of the Codex Alimentarius only accepted definition of the term "food" product ("**Food** means any substance, whether processed, semi-processed or raw, which is intended for human consumption, and includes drink, chewing gum and any substance which has been used in the manufacture, preparation or treatment of "food" but does not include cosmetics or tobacco or substances used only as drugs.") but not a perishable food product.

3. The Russian Federation proposes to discuss the following two options of the term:

"The term "perishable" refers to the foodstuffs listed in the ATP Agreement and demand protection from the effects of high and low temperatures during the transportation"

or

"The term "perishable" refers to the foodstuffs listed in the ATP Agreement, and which require protection from the effects of high and low temperatures during the transportation to maintain their consumer properties."
