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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): Interpretation of ATP**

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**The explanation of the powers of the ATP experts****Transmitted by the Russian Federation**

In accordance with sections 5 and 6 of Appendix 2 of Annex 1 to ATP for the purpose of checking the insulating capacity of each piece of equipment in service as prescribed in appendix 1, paragraphs 1 (b) and 1 (c), to this annex, the competent authorities may: Apply the methods described in paragraphs 2.1.1 to 2.3.2 of this appendix; or - 26 - Appoint experts to assess the fitness of the equipment for retention in one or other of the categories of insulated equipment. These experts shall take the following particulars into account and shall base their conclusions on information as well as the provisions specified in section 5 of Appendix 2 of Annex 1 to ATP.

To verify as prescribed in appendix 1, paragraphs 1 (b) and 1 (c), to this annex the effectiveness of the thermal appliance of each item of refrigerated, mechanically refrigerated or heated equipment in service, the competent authorities may: Apply the methods described in sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of this appendix; or Appoint experts to apply the particulars described in sections 5.1 and 5.2 of this appendix when applicable as well as the provisions specified in section 6 of Appendix 2 of Annex 1 to ATP.

Please explain:

1. Is the competent authority of the one of the Contracting party able to appoint the organization of the another Contracting party as an expert?
2. Can the expert, who was appointed by authority of the one Contracting party, be an expert on the territory of another Contracting party?

For example: Can the expert, who was appointed by authority of the Russian Federation make a business on the territory of the Czech Republic or Germany?