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Status and implementation of the ATP:

exchange of information among Parties under Article 6 of ATP

Responses to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP¹

Note by the secretariat

Introduction

1. At WP.11's seventy-second session in 2016, WP.11 thanked the 22 countries that had provided data in response to the questionnaire on the implementation of ATP in 2015 and stressed that it was mandatory to have information from all ATP contracting parties and that it was a means of harmonizing implementation of the agreement.
2. The secretariat requested all countries represented in WP.11 to reply to the questionnaire with their 2016 data. The data received are presented in the tables below.
3. Information on the number of checks made and breaches detected in 2016 has been provided by eleven countries: Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Serbia, Slovakia and Spain (see table 1 below).

¹ Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage.

Table 1
Number of checks made and breaches detected in 2016

Country	B	BiH	CZ	DK	FIN	FRA	IR	IT	SRB	SLV	SP
Number of ATP road checks	38	135	395	N.S	338	1417	274	44595	269*	0	1354
Number of ATP rail checks	0	0	0	N.S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breaches documents domestic/foreign	5/33	2/0	6/8	11/0	13/6	0/0	N.S	244/64	5/0	15/0	1147/0
Breaches thermal appliances domestic/foreign	0/0	1/0	3/5	N.S	0/1	0/0	2/0	67/10	0/0	5/0	0/0
Breaches body domestic/foreign	0/0	1/0	15/21	11/0	2/0	0/0	0/0	576/38	0/0	4/0	0/0
Other breaches domestic/foreign	0/0	2/0	0/0	N.S	0/7	0/0	0/0	27/2	0/0	0/0	45/0
Total breaches domestic/foreign	5/33	6/0	24/34	22/0	15/14	0/0	21/0	914/114	5/0	24/0	1192/0
% of defective equipment	N.S	3.7	N.S	N.S	N.S	7	7.7	N.S	1	18.75	3.78

Notes:

* Done by test station, there are no road checks in Serbia

NS Not specified.

4. Additional information on the number of certificates issued in 2016 has been provided by 21 countries: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom (see table 2 below).

Table 2
Additional information on compliance with ATP: number of certificates issued in 2016

Country	AUS	B	BiH	CRO	CZ	DK	FIN	FRA	GR	IR	IT
1 st cert new equipment	41	295	67	88	415	740	619	15799	85	525	1350
2 nd cert inspection	2	120	41	126	0	92	239	7730	60	339	4780
2 nd cert K value	0			0	88		1	0	41	0	1160
3 rd cert inspection	0	127	27	66	0	25	163	4989	46	0	4508
3 rd cert K value	0			0	26		0	0	40	0	1700
4 th cert inspection	0	93		7	0	2	52	0	1	0	
4 th cert K value	0			0	6		2	75	27	0	2201
Total	43	635	135	287	535	1192	1076	28593	300	864	15699

Duplicates	1	2	2	0	17	74	0	343	79
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Table 2 (cont'd)

<i>Country</i>	<i>NTH</i>	<i>NW</i>	<i>POL</i>	<i>POR</i>	<i>SRB</i>	<i>SK</i>	<i>SLV</i>	<i>SP</i>	<i>SW</i>	<i>UK</i>
1 st cert new equipment	506	50	2725	840	144	570	5	10617	476	1,547.00
2 nd cert inspection	524	3	1732	420	130	120	25	7763	123	120
2 nd cert K value	0	0		5	0	0		10		0
3 rd cert inspection	42	4	1807	0	92	8	39	7937	0	32
3 rd cert K value	0	0	3	426	0	0		24		0
4 th cert inspection	40	0	1305	0	47	0	41	15249	0	8
4 th cert K value	0	0	2	0	0	0		155		0
Total	1112	57	7574	1783	413	698	143	41755	599	1,816.00
Duplicates	10	7	28	16	4	0	33	733	17	51

5. The Republic of Moldova sent the following communication to the secretariat:

“Concerning the annual questionnaire for collection of data on the implementation of ATP in 2016, we would like to inform you that at the national level have been taking concrete measures for development of policy in the field of standardization, accreditation and conformity in the transportation of perishable goods. In this context, according to the Action Plan on the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement for Republic of Moldova there was presented several issues with terms set for implementation: purchase of the laboratory to check the technical parameters of vehicles designed for perishable goods, developing of training programs for staff involved in the transport of perishable goods (experts, managers, drivers), creation of an Informational System on the registration of approved vehicles for the transport of perishable products. Therefore, at the moment, it is not possible to provide you the data on the mentioned questionnaire as the provisions concerning transportation of perishable goods are in a project stage for implementation.”

6. The secretariat also requested countries to provide answers to the following question: What procedures, penalties etc. are applied in such circumstances when the requirements of ATP are not met? Answers can be found in the annex to this document.

Annex

Denmark	Control officers apply a range of measures incl. demand for change of vehicle if need be and penalties range from fine to up to two years of incarceration. Penalties apply to legal entities, too.
Spain	Dans le cas de non-respect de l'ATP, le Certificat ATP sera retiré ou ne sera pas renouvelé. Il est nécessaire corriger le défaut et réexaminer le véhicule. Dans le cas que les données aient été modifiées sans autorisation ou falsifiées, il y a une procédure d'infraction au fabricant ou responsable des dispositions de violation des règlements applicables à ces véhicules. Cette méthode prévoit des sanctions économiques en fonction de la gravité de l'infraction et la possibilité de suspendre l'activité pendant un certain temps.
Portugal	Non ATP certificate or ATP certificate out of date, fee of 600 euros. On ATP forgeries, the vehicle is arrested and owner process goes to tribunal to be judge as crime.
France	Les infractions sont recensées dans le document suivant : http://www.autoritecompetenteatp.cemafroid.fr/doc_telechargement/plaquette-a3-infractions-atp-en.pdf
Bosnia	In that case we cannot give an ATP certificate.
Ireland	Loading suspended; valid certificates requested; request for updated plates; non-compliance notices issued by inspectors.
Serbia	Since there are no road checks in Serbia, the only penalty when test station determines that the equipment doesn't conform to the requirements of ATP is that the certificate of compliance will not be issued for that vehicle.
Slovakia	In our country there is no such procedure for imposing a fine for breaking requirements of ATP, but it would be perfect to carry out road checks to check validity of ATP certificate, distinguishing marks and certification plate. It is necessary to implement ATP agreement in our national road law and create rate of fines.
United Kingdom	None
United States of America	Notify the competent authorities where the breach was discovered and where the clarification of validity of the ATP equipment was questioned. Notify the test stations involved in the certification and the manufacturers of the ATP equipment in question. Notify the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural and Marketing Service, Compliance and Analysis Program.
Norway	The certificate is entered if the ATP requirements are not met.
Austria	No information from government.
Slovenia	In Slovenia we are still working on this part of legislation.
Croatia	None, at present, there is no road traffic control.
Belgium	En ce qui concerne les pénalités appliquées, il y a lieu de se référer à l'annexe 2 de l'arrêté royal du 18 septembre 2016 relatif au transport international routier de denrées périssables et à l'utilisation de moyens spéciaux pour ce transport et modifiant l'arrêté royal du 19 juillet 2000 relatif à la perception et à la consignation d'une somme lors de la constatation de certaines infractions en matière de transport par route. Cette annexe 2 énonce en effet la liste des pénalités liées aux infractions basées sur les prescriptions imposées par l'Accord ATP. L'arrêté royal du 18 septembre 2016 a été publié au Moniteur Belge en date du 20 octobre 2016. Les statistiques, énoncées dans le formulaire, ne mentionnent pas un nombre élevé de contrôle étant donné que l'arrêté royal est entré en vigueur durant la fin de l'année 2016.