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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 good practices for better implementation of ATP

Auditing of manufacturing facilities of ATP equipment

Transmitted by Transfrigoroute International (TI)

I. Context

1. Audit reference document for manufacturers of temperature-controlled equipment

Some competent authorities insist on on-site visits to manufacturing facilities of ATP equipment. This may result in numerous visits to factories throughout the year without adding any value to the quality of the products being manufactured when these facilities are already certified to the equivalent of ISO 9001 or better for many years.

II. State of art

2. No standardised audit practices.

III. Technical impact of the proposed measure

3. The standardization of audit practices through the adoption of a common audit reference document can facilitate technical mutual recognition.

IV. Economical impact of the proposed measure

4. Common standards would reduce adaptation costs.

V. Environmental impact of the proposed measure

5. No environmental impact.

VI. Conclusion

6. TI agrees that production facilities already accredited to the ISO 9001 level, should be considered by the local competent authorities as producing goods which are in conformity with the ATP standards.

VII. ATP Proposal of amendment (if applicable)
