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#### Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs

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##### Proposals of amendments to ATP:

new proposals

### Amendment to Annex 1, Appendix 2 paragraph 2.2.1

Transmitted by the Government of Spain

#### Introduction

1. There is no reference in the ATP concerning the need of a minimum diameter in the tanks manholes. These manholes need to be large enough for a technician to descend in a safe way inside a tank to set up the thermal transmitters and take measures inside each compartment. Smaller manholes than 0.5 meter pose serious problems to the people in charge of setting up the internal fixing of instruments while performing tests.
2. This proposal has been discussed in the last meeting of the IIR Sub-Commission on refrigerated transport (CERTE Meeting) held on 19 May 2020, and the Sub-Commission gave its support.

#### Economic impact

3. No significant costs are expected associated to manufacturing manholes of a larger size

#### Environmental impact

4. No environmental impact

#### Feasibility

5. This requirement should apply to tanks manufactured after the date of entry into force of the provision. Furthermore, a transitional period of three years has been proposed for its implementation.

## Proposed amendment

6. We propose to amend the text as follows, new text **in bold**.

"2.2.1 The method described below applies only to single-compartment or multiple-compartment tank equipment intended solely for the carriage of liquid foodstuffs such as milk. Each compartment of such tanks shall have at least one manhole and one discharge-pipe connecting socket; where there are several compartments they shall be separated from one another by non-insulated vertical partitions. **Manholes will have a clearance diameter larger than 0.5 meter.**<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> **This requirement shall apply to equipment manufactured after a transitional period of three years from the date of its entry into force (XX 202X)"**

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