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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 information among Parties under Article 6 of ATP**

 Responses to the questionnaire on the implementation
of the ATP[[1]](#footnote-2)\*

 Note by the secretariat

 Introduction

1. At WP.11's eightieth session in 2023, the Working Party thanked the 23 countries that had provided data in response to the questionnaire on the implementation of ATP in 2022 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 2023 data. The data received from 23 countries are presented in the tables below.

3. Information on the number of checks made and breaches detected in 2023 has been provided by thirteen countries: Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czechia, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Türkiye (see Table 1 below).

#  Table 1

**Number of checks made and breaches detected in 2023**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Country* | *BE* | *BiH* | *CZ* | *FIN* | *FRA* | *GR* | *IT* | *LV* | *POL* | *SK* | *SLV* | *SP* | *TKY* |
| Number of ATP road checks | 3201 | 166 | 1680 | 206 | 362 | 2739 | \* | 235 | 6836 | 205 | 19 | 1425 | 388 |
| Number of ATP rail checks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Breaches documents domestic/foreign | 0/137 |  | 1/5 | 3/4 | 4/0 | 8/7 | 7/\* | 3/3 | 26/147 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1190/20 | 0 |
| Breaches thermal appliances domestic/foreign | 0/0 |  | 2/0 | \*/\* | 0/0 | 0/0 | 39/\* | 12/1 | 0/0 | 5/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 |
| Breaches body domestic/foreign | 0/0 |  | 0/0 | 1/\* | 0/0 | 0/0 | 77/5 | 1/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 |
| Other breaches domestic/foreign | 0/0 |  | 0/0 | \*/\* | 0/0 | 0/0 | 3/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 3/6 | 62/0 | 0 |
| **Total breaches domestic/foreign** | **0/137** | **0** | **3/5** | **4/4** | **4/0** | **8/7** | **126/7** | **16/8** | **26/147** | **5/0** | **3/6** | **1252/20** | **0** |
| % of defective equipment | <1 | \* | 1 | 3.9 | 11.2 | \* | \* | 10.2 | \* | 2.44 | 47 | 4.87 | 0 |

*Notes*:

\* *Information not available.*

*\*\* In the Netherlands the checks on compliance of carriage on the road are done by the Netherlands food and Consumer Product Safety Authority. This authority controls slaughterhouses and food distribution centres, where supervisions of carriage is an integral part. Reports are not transport specific and detailed information is not available.*

*During checks for the issuance of ATP certificates several shortcomings were registered and rectified before an ATP certificate was issued. Documentation 23 times, on the thermal appliance 11 times and the body (damage/seals/etc) 196. It should be noted that more than one finding may apply to the same piece of equipment.*

*The number of equipment offered for re-certification that cannot be certified any longer is very low (they just disappear and no exact numbers are available). It is assumed that a pre-check is carried out by the operators before being offered.*

*Ignoring double findings of the 230, this reflects up to 17% of the number of total ATP certificates issued.*

*\*\*\* In Denmark ATP checks are performed as part of the regular food control and specific numbers for ATP checks can only be extracted.*

4. The secretariat received the following information from Bulgaria:

*“The Bulgarian Food Safety Agency is authorized by the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria at the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva as a competent authority in the framework of the AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP) before the Economic Commission for Europe at the UN. There is no ATP test station built in the Republic of Bulgaria. The Republic of Bulgaria recognizes ATP certificates issued by stations officially recognized and included in the Convention of other competent authorities.*

*As a competent authority for food safety, BFSA does not carry out control activities regarding the compliance with the Convention, therefore we could not provide answers to the questions in the questionnaire requesting data on the application of the ATP Agreement.”*

5. Additional information on the number of certificates issued in 2023 has been provided by twenty-two countries: Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye, United Kingdom and United States of America (see table 2 below).

Table 2

**Additional information on compliance with ATP: number of certificates issued in 2023**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Country* | *BELA* | *BE* | *BiH* | *CRO* | *CZ* | *DK* | *FIN* | *FRA* | *GR* | *IT* | *LV* |
| 1st cert new equipment | 276 | 426 | 49 | 71 | 404 | 1076 | 619 | 15042 | 65 | 8650 | 24 |
| 2nd cert inspection | 143 | 289 | 47 | 100 | 1680 | 255 | 380 | 12527 | 202 | 4911 | 96 |
| 2nd cert K value |  | 0 | 25 | 80 | 10 |  | 0 | 62 | 8 | 4133 | 28 |
| 3rd cert inspection | 234 | 141 | 24 | 45 | \*\* |  | 201 | 2992 | 54 | 5071 | 67 |
| 3rd cert K value |  | 0 | 21 | 0 | \*\* |  | 0 | 21 | 0 | 3996 | 12 |
| 4th cert inspection | 157 | 8 |  | 0 | \*\* |  | 50 | 27 | 16 | 4374 | 8 |
| 4th cert K value |  | 0 |  | 0 | \*\* |  | 1 | 269 | 0 | 1884 | 0 |
| 5th cert inspection | 75 | 0 |  | 0 | \*\* |  | 33 | 0 | 9 |  | 0 |
| 5th cert K value |  | 0 |  | 0 | \*\* |  | 0 | 67 |  | 3250 | 0 |
| **Total** | **910** | **864** | **166** | **286** | **2094** | **1331** | **1284** | **32982** | **354** | **36369** | **235** |
| Duplicates | 25 | 5 |  | 0 | 4 | 40 | \* | 494 |  | 450 | 17 |

*\* Certificates marked as "duplicate" are not issued in Finland. Instead, new certificates are issued to replace lost or erroneous ones. The number of such certificates in 2023 was 19 and they are included in the figures in the table.*

\*\* *Information not available.*

Table 2 *(cont'd)*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| *Country* | *NL* | *NW* | *POL* | *POR* | *SK* | *SLV* | *SP* | *SW* | *TKY* | *UK* | *USA* |
| 1st cert new equipment | 430 | 327 | 3621 | 621 | 580 | 123 | 12698 | 785 | 1602 | 1767 | 0 |
| 2nd cert inspection | 710 | 8 | 1778 | 903 | 0 | 277 | 10541 | 69 | 319 | 181 | 0 |
| 2nd cert K value | 0 |  | 1 |  | 0 | 0 | 5 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3rd cert inspection | 202 |  | 2726 | 509 | 0 | 115 | 7155 | 27 | 0 | 54 | 0 |
| 3rd cert K value | 0 |  | 2 |  | 0 | 0 | 10 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4th cert inspection | 47 |  | 2449 |  | 0 | 77 | 4417 | 14 | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| 4th cert K value | 0 |  | 2 |  | 0 | 0 | 161 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5th cert inspection | 0 |  | 1086 |  | 0 | 59 | 4517 |  | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 5th cert K value | 0 |  | 3 |  | 0 | 0 | 1887 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **1382** | **335** | **11668** | **2284** | **580** | **641** | **41425** | **895** | **1931** | **2026** | **0** |
| Duplicates | 0 |  | 74 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 216 |  | 66 | 0 | 0 |

\*\* *Information not available*

1. \* Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)