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Proposals for amendments to ATP:

New proposals

Proposed amendments

Submitted by the Government of Luxembourg

Summary

Executive summary:	Proposed amendment to annex 2, appendix 1
Action to be taken:	Agree on amendments to annex 2, appendix 1 concerning periodic verification of the recorder
Related documents:	ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2023/17 and informal document INF.15 (eightieth session)

Introduction

1. Following consideration of documents ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2023/17 and informal document INF.15 at its eightieth session, the Working Party resolved to analyse the proposals contained in these documents in depth with the help of the national experts. Some delegations made comments during the session, which we have incorporated into this proposed amendment to annex 2, appendix 1, based on the above-mentioned documents.



Proposal

2. Amend annex 2, appendix 1 to read: (new wording underlined, deleted wording struck through):

“MONITORING OF AIR TEMPERATURE FOR TRANSPORT OF QUICK-FROZEN PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS

- 1 The transport equipment shall be fitted with an instrument capable of measuring and recording air temperatures and storing the data obtained (hereinafter referred to as the instrument) to monitor the air temperatures to which quick-frozen foodstuffs intended for human consumption are subjected.
2. Temperature recordings obtained in this manner for each transport operation shall be dated and stored by the operator for at least one year or longer, according to the nature of the food.
3. The device shall comply with EN 12830:2018.
4. The instrument shall be verified annually in accordance with EN 13486:~~2002~~2023 ~~by an accredited body~~ and the documentation of the verification shall be made available for the approval of to the ATP competent authorities.

The inspections shall be carried out either by testing stations or by experts accredited by the competent authority of the country in which the transport equipment is registered or recorded. To obtain approval, the competent authority shall ensure that the staff of the testing station or the expert are duly trained in accordance with the procedures laid down by the competent authority which comply with the following principles:

- Impartiality: Ensure that the testing stations or experts are free from any conflict of interest or undue influence in their inspection activities.
- Competence: Require testing stations or experts to have the necessary technical competence and resources to perform their duties effectively and efficiently.
- Consistency: Ensure that inspection activities are carried out consistently and in accordance with established procedures and criteria.
- Confidentiality: Respect the confidentiality of information obtained during the inspection process, except when required by law or if necessary to carry out the inspection.
- Independence: Require that testing stations or experts operate independently and are not influenced by external pressure or considerations that may affect their judgment.
- Accountability: Holding testing stations or experts accountable for their actions and decisions, including the accuracy and reliability of their inspection results and reports.

The testing stations or experts shall use measuring equipment which has been calibrated in a laboratory accredited in accordance with standard EN 17025:2017 or is checked frequently against such measuring equipment.

5. Transitional measures:
 - 5.1 Temperature recorders in service that comply with EN 12830:1999 may continue to be used.
 - 5.2 The measures referred to in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 shall apply no later than 12 months after the entry into force of the measures (or insert a specific date to be decided during the session).”