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Proposals for amendments to ATP:

Pending proposals

Proposed amendment to annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7

Transmitted by the Government of France

Summary

Executive summary:	Proposal to supplement annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7 by adding a definition of a removable dividing walls and excluding the use of this type of dividing wall in multi-temperature, multi-compartment equipment
Action to be taken:	Amend annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7
Related documents:	ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2022/14 and ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2022/5

Introduction

1. The certification of multi-temperature equipment requires an assessment of the capacity of dividing walls within the equipment to maintain physical and thermal separation between adjacent compartments during the transport of perishable goods.
2. Annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7 refers to thermal losses through dividing walls with only two types referred to, by the terms “longitudinal” and “transversal”. As a result, the existing terms do not provide a sufficiently clear definition of a dividing wall and thus do not make it possible, firstly, to rule out technological solutions that would not meet the objective of certification or, secondly, to prevent differences in interpretation that could lead to the certification of multi-temperature equipment in one country but its rejection in another.
3. The purpose of this proposal is to supplement the proposals in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2023/03 by introducing, in annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7:
 - A definition of a removable dividing wall
 - The exclusion of removable dividing walls from multi-compartment/multi-temperature equipment



I. Proposal

4. Introduce a definition of a removable dividing wall in annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7:
 - Removable dividing wall: A dividing wall that can be removed from the equipment without needing to be mechanically unlocked
5. Add at the end of 7.3.7. Dividing walls:
“Removable dividing walls may not be used in multi-temperature transport.”
6. Translation:
Cloison amovible: removable dividing wall

II. Impact

Cost:	No impact.
Environment:	This proposal aims to harmonize the interpretation of ATP and prevent possible distortions of competition.
Feasibility:	The proposal may have implications for equipment manufacturers and for competent authorities, notably in respect of certification methods for multi-temperature equipment.
Enforceability:	A two-year transition period before this proposal comes into force is proposed.
