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**Proposals for amendments to ATP:****Pending proposals****Proposed amendment to annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.1****Transmitted by the Government of France***Summary*

<b>Executive summary:</b>	Proposal to supplement the definition of multi-compartment equipment in annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.1 (a)
<b>Action to be taken:</b>	Amend annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.1 (a)
<b>Related documents:</b>	None

**Introduction**

1. Constraints related to loading/unloading, the need to transport different categories of foodstuffs and the different transport temperature classes required by ATP depending on the type of foodstuff transported have led to temperature-controlled transport equipment being modified to offer greater flexibility of use. Dividing loads in transport equipment is one way to deal with multi-temperature transport.
2. The images show different divider solutions offered by equipment manufacturers and dividing wall suppliers.



3. The certification of multi-temperature equipment requires an assessment of the capacity of dividing walls to maintain physical and thermal separation between adjacent compartments within the equipment during the transport of perishable goods.

4. 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 to rule out technological solutions that would not meet the objective of certification or to prevent differences in interpretation that could lead to multi-temperature equipment receiving certification in one country and but being rejected as multi-temperature equipment in another.

5. The purpose of this proposal is to amend the definition of multi-compartment equipment in annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.1 (a).

## I. Proposal

6. Amend the current definition of multi-compartment equipment.

- Current definition:

“Equipment with two or more insulated compartments for maintaining a different temperature in each compartment.”

- Proposed amended definition:

“Equipment with two or more insulated compartments divided by one or more dividing walls, as defined in annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7, making it possible to guarantee the physical separation of the compartments throughout transport and operation at different temperatures.”

## II. Impact

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Cost:	No impact.
Environment	This proposal aims to harmonize the interpretation of ATP and prevent distortions of competition.
Feasibility:	This proposal may have implications for equipment manufacturers and 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.

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