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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*

<b>Executive summary:</b>	Proposal to supplement annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7 with a definition of different types of internal dividing walls.
<b>Action to be taken:</b>	Amend annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7.
<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 category of foodstuffs 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 below 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 the dividing walls to maintain physical and thermal separation between two 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 aim of this proposal is to introduce a series of three proposals related to dividing walls, in order to standardize certification methods for multi-temperature equipment between competent authorities, firstly, by providing a definition of the different types of dividing walls available on the market and then by adding to annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7 a definition of movable dividing walls and a formal definition of and an exclusion for the use of “movable” dividing walls in the context of the multi-temperature certification of temperature-controlled transport equipment.

## I. Proposal

6. Introduce the following definitions in annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7 (translations of the terms underlined can be found at the end of the proposal):

- (a) Dividing wall: Panel composed of insulating material making it possible to restrict the internal volume of the equipment by forming two adjacent compartments;
- (b) Longitudinal dividing wall: A dividing wall set along the length of the equipment;
- (c) Transversal dividing wall: A dividing wall set along the width of the equipment;
- (d) Fixed dividing wall: A dividing wall with no degree of free movement;
- (f) Movable dividing wall: A dividing wall composed of one or more panels that can be placed in different positions to increase or restrict the internal volume of a compartment.

7. The suggested translations for the technical terms underlined are:

- *Cloison*: Dividing wall
- *Cloison longitudinale*: Longitudinal dividing wall
- *Cloison transversale*: Transversal dividing wall
- *Cloison fixe*: Fixed dividing wall
- *Cloison mobile*: Movable dividing wall

## 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:	The proposed amendment can be easily introduced into ATP. No transitional period is needed.
Enforceability:	No problems are expected.

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