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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2003-2007

Note by the secretariat

ACTIVITY 02.11: TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS

**Harmonization of regulations and standards relating to the international transport of
perishable foodstuffs and facilitation of its operations** **Priority: 2**

Description:

Review of the harmonization and the facilitation of the international transport of perishable foodstuffs under the ATP Agreement and updating of this Agreement in order to keep it in line with technological developments, taking into account safety and quality standards.

Work to be undertaken:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Consideration of amendment proposals to ATP to ensure it is updated as necessary. **Priority: 1**

Output expected by the end of 2003:

Entry into force of the revision of Annexes 2 and 3 of ATP.

- (b) Exchange of information on the implementation of ATP by virtue of article 6. **Priority: 1**

Output expected by the end of 2003:

To produce a document on an annual basis concerning information exchanged between Contracting Parties on the implementation of ATP.

- (c) Follow-up of resolution No. 243 on "Improving the traffic flow of ATP vehicles for the transport of foodstuffs covered by ATP" for better facilitation.

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2003:

To finalize an Annex to the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods;

To consider the difficulties encountered at border crossings, for the transport of perishable foodstuffs, on an annual basis.

- (d) Review of the definitions and standards (in Annex 1) for the carriage of perishable foodstuffs following the Montreal Protocol to take account of new refrigerants and insulating materials, and environmental constraints.

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2004:

To contribute to the promotion of less polluting vehicles and fuels, as recommended in the Programme of Joint Action adopted by the Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment (Vienna, 12-14 November 1997).

- (e) Consideration of methods developed by the IIR Sub-Commission on testing stations.

Priority: 3

Output expected by the end of 2003:

To take account of the work done by IIR relating to the transport of perishable foodstuffs.

- (f) Elaboration of an ATP Handbook

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2003:

To have a final version of the Handbook for publication.

ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION

- (g) Elaboration of a procedure for the revision of ATP in order to accelerate the entry into force of texts adopted by the Working Party. (2003)

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2003:

Entry into force of the revision of article 18 of ATP.

- (h) General review of the Annexes of ATP to update the texts. (2003)

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2003:

To finalize the first draft of the major changes to the Annexes.

- (i) Consideration of proposals on the conditions of transport of fresh fruit and vegetables. (2004)

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2003:

To finish the consideration of the feasibility of introducing rules for the transport of fresh fruit and vegetables into ATP.

- (j) Consideration of amendment proposals relating to test methods and procedures for the approval of multi-compartment and multi-temperature vehicles, to take account of technical developments. (2004)

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2002:

The entry into force of a new amendment to ATP on multi-compartment and multi-temperature vehicles.

- (k) Process of integration in Europe in relation to ATP. (2003)

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2003:

To cooperate with the Commission of the European Communities with the aim of harmonizing European regulations with ATP.

- (l) Review of the approval of kit-bodies. (2004)

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2003:

The entry into force of a new amendment to ATP on the approval of kit-bodies.
