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**SECURING OF DOCUMENTS**

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Introduction

During the 61<sup>st</sup> meeting the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable foodstuffs (WP.11) agreed on the importance of securing documents and decided to form an informal group on the question, the members of which would be Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain and the United Kingdom.

The group's mandate was to study available texts on securing documents, in particular, Community legislation in that regard and ISO standards, and to propose means of securing ATP documents.

The Working Party appointed Spain as leader of the informal group on the securing of documents. The leader's responsibilities were e.g. to submit the group's report to the Working Party at its next session. The report appears in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2006/1.

Comments

1. The report from the informal group has not been available for the members in advance of the 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the ATP experts.
2. Sweden agrees in principle to the conclusions reached therein.

It should be made clear, however, that the proposed new point "6 Technical requirements for "Test stations" is applicable only for test stations carrying out tests according to Annex 1, appendix 2, paragraphs 1 to 48 and / or paragraphs 51 to 60 and **not** to the appointed experts described in paragraph 49.

3. Furthermore, Sweden cannot agree to the introduction of point (a) concerning the fluorescent mark. It should be more than sufficient if point (b) concerning a relief mark is fulfilled.

4. In point (c) we would like to propose the deletion of the word "photocopy" and to use the word "duplicate" which is the expression commonly used

especially when the document has to have a relief marking as well. We are also doubtful if it necessary to have characters of 10 mm height. The height of the characters should be up to the competent authority in the issuing Country to decide

5. In international transport is of great importance that the required documentation is as far as possible harmonised in order to avoid misunderstandings. Therefore, Sweden is not in favour of the introduction of point (e).

6. Furthermore, the informal group proposes that the ATP certificate should be amended in accordance with items (a) to (e). However, as point (c) is written nothing else than the items listed should appear in the ATP certificate. The Swedish delegation find that to restrictive and proposes therefore that point (c) should read **e.g.** number of doors, number of vents, hanging equipment of meat.

7. Point (d) should be amended to read “the address and the **international** telephone number of the competent authority or authorized body.