
Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs****2 September 2015****Seventy-first session**

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Item 7 of the provisional agenda**Scope of the ATP**

Multilateral agreements under ATP**Note by the secretariat**

At the request of WP.11, the secretariat wrote to Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ATP contracting parties in December 2014 requesting the name of the authority competent to sign any future multilateral agreements on behalf of its country.

Replies to that letter have been received from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Serbia, Ukraine, United States and Uzbekistan and appear on the UNECE website at the following link: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/multilateral_agreements.html



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The Executive Secretary

Under-Secretary-General

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP), to which your country is a contracting party.

The prime objectives of the ATP are to preserve the quality of perishable foodstuffs during their carriage and to promote the expansion of trade in perishable foodstuffs by harmonizing the conditions under which they are carried and the tests to ascertain that the transport equipment used can reliably meet those temperatures.

The ATP has 48 Contracting Parties and is administered by the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). Further information regarding the ATP and the Working Party can be found at the following link: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp11.html>

Article 7 of the ATP states that Contracting Parties reserve the right to enter into bilateral or multilateral agreements to the effect that provisions applicable to special equipment and to the temperatures at which certain foodstuffs are required to be maintained during carriage may, more particularly by reason of special climatic conditions, be more stringent than those prescribed in the Agreement. The latest text of the ATP can be found at the following link: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/atp.html>

His Excellency

Mr.
Minister for Foreign Affairs of
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City



At the seventieth session of WP.11 (Geneva, 7-10 October 2014), the secretariat was requested to write to Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ATP contracting parties requesting the name of the authority competent to sign any future multilateral agreements in accordance with article 7 of the ATP on behalf of its country.

The procedure for concluding multilateral agreements in accordance with article 7 of the ATP can be found on the UNECE website at the following link:
http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/multilateral_agreements.html

I would be grateful therefore if you would inform the UNECE secretariat at your earliest convenience of the contact information for your country's authority competent to sign such multilateral agreements including the full postal address, telephone number and email address.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Christian Friis Bach