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#### Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs

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##### **Status and implementation of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP):**

**exchange of good practices for better implementation of ATP**

### **Lettre de convocation**

#### **Transmitted by Transfrigoroute International (TI)**

#### **I. Context**

1. When a manufacturer of either insulated bodies or refrigeration equipment wishes to introduce a new or prototype product to the market place and requires an ATP type approval certificate two scenarios may arise. There may not be availability of space in an approved ATP test station to conduct the type approval testing or, in the case of prototype equipment there may not be sufficient time to conduct the test prior to the product being placed on the market.

2. To overcome both of these situations manufacturers may issue a “lettre de convocation” (letter of intent) in which the manufacturer undertakes to do the testing in a specified initial period of 6 months in a nominated official ATP test station. This period may be extended by a further 6 months where circumstances necessitate and by mutual consent of the relevant competent authority and the manufacturer. Many competent authorities accept this process and grant temporary approval for the operation of the equipment. Unfortunately other do not. TI requests that this situation is regularised so that the acceptance of this letter of intent is accepted by all competent authorities and by all contracting parties.

#### **II. State of art**

3. Lack of consistency by all contracting parties.

**III. Technical impact of the proposed measure**

4. None

**IV. Economical impact of the proposed measure**

5. None

**V. Environmental impact of the proposed measure**

6. None

**VI. Conclusion**

7. TI urges acceptance of this proposal.

**VII. ATP Proposal of amendment (if applicable)**

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