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Reflections on document ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2023/3 to 5 on internal dividing walls.**Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands**

1. It is recognized that paragraph 7.3.7 of Annex 1, Appendix 2 may need improvement. However, it is questioned if this should take the form of definitions or a description.

2. For example:

Introduce a new paragraph after the heading of 7.3.7 to read:

“Compartments inside multi-temperature equipment shall be formed by dividing walls. The dividing walls shall be constructed of rigid insulated panels consisting of insulated layer and a skin on all sides of an easily cleanable material [*]. The dividing walls shall be longitudinal or transversely placed inside of the equipment and may be in a fixed position, movable in variable positions (or partly movable as doors or liftable) as intended by the design. Dividing walls are an approved part of the equipment and shall be permanently fitted (non-removable).”

“[* soft partitions made of fabric/woven material shall not be used.]”

Other considerations on dividing walls/partitions

3. It is felt that movable dividing walls, rigid or flexible, to downsize the load space in mono temperature equipment and curtains in door openings to prevent heat losses should not be prohibited for environmental reasons.

4. Maybe it is necessary to differentiate between hygiene requirements of equipment intended for packaged perishable foodstuffs and non-packaged such as hanging carcasses or fish in open containers on ice.
