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**AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE
FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR
SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP)**

Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 29 (c)

Submitted by Spain

Spain proposes the addition of a new (iii) to Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 29 (c), to read:

- “(iii) Vehicles over 12 years old as a maximum may not continue to carry perishable foodstuffs, except in the following cases:
- if the vehicle is classed as heavily insulated (IR), the owner shall apply for a new certificate of compliance as normally insulated (IN) or the vehicle shall pass an insulation inspection in a testing station approved for the purpose in order to keep its heavily insulated (IR) category;
 - if the vehicle is classed as normally insulated (IN), it shall pass an insulation inspection in a testing station approved for the purpose in order to be able to renew its certificate of compliance as normally insulated (IN);

- in the above two cases, instead of undergoing an insulation inspection in an approved testing station, the vehicles in question may undergo a special inspection performed by an expert, who may, with the criteria set out in paragraph 29 (a), accord a period of two years after which the vehicle must comply with the inspections referred to in the two foregoing paragraphs.”

Justification

This proposal endeavours to clarify the existing ambiguity in the period of periodic inspections by taking into account the fact that the visual inspections by the expert appointed by the competent authority are not the deciding factor, e.g. in determining the objective progress of insulation ageing in a vehicle with several years of service, as in the case of vehicles over 14 years old.

In addition, since the normal period of depreciation and the working life of a motor vehicle, or of a body assembled with a motor vehicle or an insulated swap body may, under normal conditions, be approximately 14 years, it would appear that the equipment may continue to carry perishable foodstuffs if it passes the insulation inspection.
