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

New proposals

Annex 1 and Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 29*

Transmitted by the Government of Germany

1. The limits for K coefficients have been discussed again and again by expert groups because currently it is not clearly defined in the ATP whether the K coefficients refer only to new transport equipment. The proposed amendments to the ATP below are intended to render the Agreement more precise. In addition, it is important to note that in paragraph 29 of Annex 1, Appendix 2 "Checking the insulating capacity of equipment in service", under c) Decisions i) and ii), the conclusion of an expert is mentioned and no further specification is made. Therefore

* The present document is submitted in accordance with the Programme of Work for 2008-2012 of the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/2008/11, Item 2.11 (a)) which calls for the "Consideration of amendment proposals to ATP to ensure it is updated as necessary".

the amendments/modifications below will lead to greater precision and better application of the Agreement.

2. Annex 1, paragraph 1, Insulated equipment

Following the groups IN and IR, the following sentence should be added:

"The aforementioned K coefficients refer to the type tests or to new transport equipment for individual approval."

3. Annex 1, paragraph 2, Refrigerated equipment

Amend the last sentence to read:

"The K coefficient of equipment of classes B and C shall in case of type tests be equal to or less than 0.40 W/m².K."

4. Annex 1, paragraph 3, Mechanically refrigerated equipment

Amend the last sentence to read:

"The K coefficient of equipment of classes B, C, E and F shall in case of type tests be equal to or less than 0.40 W/m².K."

5. Annex 1, paragraph 4, Heated equipment

Amend the last sentence to read:

"The K coefficient of equipment of class B shall in case of type tests be equal to or less than 0.40 W/m².K."

6. In paragraph 29 of Annex 1, Appendix 2, it is mentioned that equipment in service can be tested by two methods:

- methods described in paragraphs 7 to 27 (K coefficient test)
- or
- to appoint an expert to test if the insulated equipment can be left in one or the other category (visual inspection).

The two test methods shall be equal in order to exclude any distortion of competition under the ATP. To create a balance of both tests it is necessary to modify the following paragraph so that the expert can make a decision using his expert experience.

7. Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 29 c) i) Decisions

Add a new sentence to read:

"If the procedure described under paragraphs 7 to 27 is applied, a conclusion about the annual ageing of the K coefficient shall be made appropriately by the competent expert."
