Summary

Executive summary: In the ATP agreement, the term “appliances” is used to mean “thermal appliances” for sources of cold and heat. However, a proper definition is lacking and therefore should be added.

Action to be taken: Amend Annex 1, Section 2.

Related documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2018/21 and ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2015/17

Introduction

1. In the ATP agreement, the term “appliances” is used to mean “thermal appliances” for sources of cold and heat. However, a proper definition is lacking.

2. The lack of definition has led to misunderstandings in the past. Appliances were, for instance, treated as equipment even though the latter is clearly defined as an insulated body with or without a thermal appliance.

3. Therefore a proper definition of the term “appliances” should be added in the ATP agreement.

Proposed amendment

4. Insert a new section 2 in Annex 1:

2. Thermal appliances: Devices for cooling and/or heating such as

   • refrigerating units,
• mechanical refrigerating units,
• mechanical refrigerating-heating units,
• heating units,
• fixed eutectic plates, or
• liquefied gas systems.

5. Renumber the following sections accordingly:
3. Refrigerated equipment.
4. Mechanically refrigerated equipment.
   etc.

Impact

Cost: No impact.

Feasibility: The proposed amendment can easily be implemented in ATP. A transitional period is not needed.

Enforceability: No problems are expected.