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Clarifications regarding the authorization of test stations and the appointment of experts for monitoring the compliance of vehicles in use with ATP

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1. In accordance with paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 of Appendix 1 to ATP, compliance with the standards prescribed in ATP of vehicles intended for the transport of perishable foodstuffs, with the exception of the cases specified in 5 and 6 of Appendix 2 to Appendix 1 to ATP, is carried out at testing stations, authorized to carry out such work by the competent ATP authority (hereinafter - the testing station).

2. In accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 of Appendix 2 to Appendix 1 to ATP, to control the insulated capacity and to verify the effectiveness of the thermal equipment of each in-use refrigerator equipment, mechanically refrigerator equipment, heated equipment, mechanically refrigerator or heated vehicle in cases b) and c) of paragraph 1 of Appendix 1 to In this annex, the competent authorities can: appoint experts, entrusting them with the task of deciding whether this vehicle can remain in a particular category of isothermal vehicles and remain as refrigerated equipment, mechanically refrigerated equipment, heated equipment, mechanically refrigerated and heated equipment in the originally established class for a new period of up to 3 years (hereinafter - the expert).

3. In accordance with the foregoing, please clarify:

4. Can an organization be designated as testing stations / experts for monitoring the conformity of vehicles in use with ATP requirements:

(a) Manufacturers of thermal equipment and vehicles intended for the transportation of perishable food products;

(b) Sellers, service centers for the maintenance and (or) repair of thermal equipment and vehicles intended for the transportation of perishable food products;

(c) Organizations engaged in the transport of perishable foodstuffs.

5. Had the competent authority, verify the actual availability of the necessary organizational and technical support, the operability of the equipment, which makes it possible to carry out measures to control the compliance of vehicles with ATP requirements,   
by visiting the premises of the candidate for appointment by an expert, attending isothermal properties during testing and checking the effectiveness of the thermal equipment of the vehicle in which he plans to carry out his activities, before the appointment of an expert / authorization of a testing station for monitoring the compliance of vehicles in use with ATP requirements.