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**PROGRAMME OF WORK**

Note by the secretariat

The Inland Transport Committee **adopted** the programme of work for the period 2006-2010 and recalled that its subsidiary bodies also need only to examine their programmes of work every two years. Such arrangement, however, would not exclude the possibility for the Committee's subsidiary bodies to modify their respective programmes of work annually if there was a need to do so.

## ACTIVITY 02.11: TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS

Harmonization of regulations and standards relating to the international transport of perishable foodstuffs and facilitation of its operations      Priority: 2

Description: Review of the harmonization and the facilitation of the international transport of perishable foodstuffs under the ATP Agreement and updating of this Agreement in order to keep it in line with technological developments, taking into account safety and quality standards.

Work to be undertaken:

### CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Consideration of amendment proposals to ATP to ensure it is updated as necessary. Priority: 1  
Output expected by the end of 2007: Entry into force of the revision of annexes 1 and 2 to ATP.
- (b) Exchange of information on the implementation of ATP by virtue of article 6. Priority: 1  
Output expected by the end of 2006: Consideration of the information exchanged between Contracting Parties and their consequences on the implementation of ATP.
- (c) Follow-up of resolution No. 243 on “Improving the traffic flow of ATP vehicles for the transport of foodstuffs covered by ATP” for better facilitation. Priority: 2  
Output expected by the end of 2006: To consider the difficulties encountered at border crossings, for the transport of perishable foodstuffs, on an annual basis.
- (d) Review of the definitions and standards (in annex 1) for the carriage of perishable foodstuffs following the Montreal Protocol to take account of new refrigerants and insulating materials, and environmental constraints. Priority: 2  
Output expected by the end of 2006: To contribute to the promotion of less polluting vehicles and fuels.
- (e) Consideration of methods developed by the IIR Sub-Commission on testing stations and study of the procedures for energy labelling. Priority: 1  
Output expected by the end of 2006: To be aware of the work done by IIR relating to the transport of perishable foodstuffs and to collect information on energy labelling.
- (f) Elaboration of an ATP Handbook. Priority: 1  
Output expected by the end of 2007: To have a final version of the Handbook including the revised annexes.
- (g) Compatibility between European legislation and ATP. Priority: 1  
Output expected by the end of 2006: To cooperate with the Commission of the European Communities with the aim of harmonizing European regulations with

ATP.

#### **ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION**

- (h) Consideration of proposals on the conditions of transport of fresh fruit and vegetables (2006). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2006: To finish the consideration of the feasibility of introducing rules for the transport of fresh fruit and vegetables into ATP.

- (i) Consideration of amendment proposals relating to test methods and procedures for the approval of multi-compartment and multi-temperature vehicles, to take account of technical development (2006). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2008: The entry into force of a new amendment to ATP on multi-compartment and multi-temperature vehicles.

- (j) Review of the approval of kit bodies (2006). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2007: The entry into force of a new amendment to ATP on the approval of kit bodies.

- (k) Securing ATP documents (2006). Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2006: Recommendations on the best way for securing ATP documents.

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