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Status and implementation of the ATP**Exchange of information among Parties under Article 6 of ATP****Responses to the questionnaire on the implementation
of the ATP¹****Note by the secretariat****Introduction**

1. At WP.11's sixty-ninth session in 2013, the Working Party thanked the 16 countries that had provided responses to the questionnaire. It stressed that it was an obligation for all countries to reply to the questionnaire and that WP.11 had set the target of 20 replies to the questionnaire in its biennial evaluation.
2. By e-mail, the secretariat requested all countries represented in WP.11 to reply to the questionnaire with their 2013 data. The data received are presented in the tables below.
3. Information on the number of checks made and breaches detected in 2013 has been provided by nine countries: Czech Republic, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Serbia, Spain and Sweden (see table 1 below).

¹ Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage.

Table 1
Number of checks made and breaches detected in 2013

Country	CZ	FIN	FR	IR	IT	LAT	SERB	SP	SW
Number of ATP road checks	301	563	2284	157	39198	219	37	NS	75
Number of ATP rail checks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breaches documents domestic/foreign	8/21	16/2	NS	4/14	156/6	0	0/0	121/12	0
Breaches thermal appliances domestic/foreign	1/4	0/0	NS	0	47/4	0	1/0	208/6	0
Breaches body domestic/foreign	15/57	1/0	NS	1/0	416/21	0/2	0/0	942/24	0
Other breaches domestic/foreign	0	14*/0	NS	0	39/3	0	0/0	1/0	0
Total breaches domestic/foreign	24/82	31/2	112	5/14	658/34	0/2	1	1272/42	0
% of defective equipment	NS	NS	5	NS	NS	NS	2.7	NS	0

Notes:

NS Not specified.

* In some reports received the nature of breaches was not specified and this is a summary of unclassified breaches.

Greece does not organize highway checks.

In the Netherlands, checks are made as part of "source checks" at producers' premises and distribution centres. No separate information on checks on transport vehicles is available.

In Portugal, a joint campaign with the road authority was started in June 2014 to implement ATP road checks, so next year data will be available.

4. Additional information on the number of certificates issued in 2013 has been provided by 18 countries: Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom (see table 2 below).

Table 2
Additional information on compliance with ATP: number of certificates issued in 2013

Country	B	BH	CZ	DK	FIN	FR	GR	IR	IT	LAT	NL	NO	POL	POR	SERB	SP	SW	UK
1 st certificate new equipment	130	0	380	922	447	14465	57	22	1051	0	448	55	1716	382	79	5614	453	1014
2 nd certificate inspection	58	0	0	311	348	0	128*	305*	4968	358	668	8	2194	643	128	9092	75**	168
2 nd certificate K value	1	36	52	0	0	15690*	0	NS	1053	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3 rd certificate inspection	34	0	0	150	152	0	0	NS	4755	81	156	2	1191	0	8	8512	0	42
3 rd certificate K value	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	NS	1268	0	0	0	2	334	0	0	0	0
4 th certificate inspection	8	0	0	13	26	0	0	NS	0	0	36	0	603	1	5	12 923	0	14
4 th certificate K value	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	NS	1620	0	0	0	8	0	0	14	0	0
Total	253	36	451	1396	978	30155	NS	327	NS	439	1308	65	5715	1496	220	36141	528	1357
Duplicates	0	1	14	84	0	247	NS	34	NS	6	22	0	25	11	0	603	184	73

Notes:

- NS Not specified.
 * Total includes second, third and fourth certificates issued.
 ** Total issued whether by expert inspection or K value test.

Finland: Certificates marked as "duplicate" are not issued in Finland. Instead, new certificates are issued to replace lost or erroneous ones. The number of such certificates was 33 in 2013 and they are included in the figures in the table.

Ireland: Figures for one region are missing.

United Kingdom: Duplicates are replacements rather than duplicates.

5. The secretariat also requested countries to provide any complementary information on implementation of ATP. In response, the following new information was provided.

Finland

6. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is responsible for legislation on food of animal origin, including the ATP, in Finland.

7. The Finnish Food Act (23/2006) designates competent authorities and their respective duties for food control which provides the legal powers for customs and food control authorities to execute ATP checks in Finland.

8. The legal basis for implementing the ATP is the National Decree on Implementation of ATP (971/2006, amended by 120/2010) which designates competent authorities and their respective duties in Finland.

9. According to the Decree, Agrifood Research Finland (MTT) is the national authority issuing all Finnish ATP certificates. MTT keeps the national register of certified equipment. MTT also runs an ATP testing station carrying out ATP type tests and about 10% of the tests for re-approval. The majority of tests for renewal are done by testing stations approved by Evira.

10. The Finnish Food Safety Authority Evira is the competent authority responsible for approving national ATP testing stations and in addition, supervising and leading customs and food control authorities which carry out on the road ATP checks in Finland.

11. Both MTT and Evira have issued guidelines for testing ATP equipment.

12. The ATP does not apply to transport within the borders of Finland but approximately half of all ATP certificates are issued to equipment which does not cross the borders. The ATP standards for special equipment are the requirements for companies' own quality management systems including for domestic food transport.

13. Evira and MTT distribute information to all involved with ATP and organize annual training sessions for staff of ATP testing stations concerning the latest amendments to ATP and other relevant issues.

14. Questions related to transport of foodstuffs and ATP are discussed on an unofficial level by an ATP panel on which operators, manufacturers, industry, trade and authorities are represented.

United States of America

15. While the United States Food and Drug Administration's Food Safety Modernization Act Proposed Rule on Sanitary Transportation of Human and Animal Food, is not part of implementation of the ATP in the United States, on 31 January 2014, members of WP.11 were invited by email to file public comments until 31 May 2014.
