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ATP HANDBOOK

Proposal for an ATP checklist*

Transmitted by the Government of Slovakia

Introduction

1. At the sixty-fourth session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11), Slovakia proposed the addition of an ATP checklist in the ATP Handbook (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/12) as a useful tool for inspection bodies (food, metrology, etc.). The ATP checklist covers the basic information involved in inspecting the transport equipment (certificate, certification plate, manufacture's plates etc.) and temperature recorder.

2. According to the report of the sixty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/218, paragraph 36), the WP.11 examined a proposal made by Slovakia to add an ATP checklist to the ATP Handbook. It agreed to modify the first sentence on page 2 of the proposal to read "Transport equipment has to be equipped with a valid certificate or a certification plate and a distinguishing mark." It also agreed that page 3 of the proposal was not necessary since the information

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presented was already in the ATP. The voting on the proposal was as follows: 11 countries in favour (Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, United Kingdom), one against (Netherlands) and seven abstentions (Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Finland, Sweden, Ukraine, United States). The proposal was therefore considered accepted in principle since, as explained by the Chairman, in the case of the ATP Handbook, three negative votes were required to overturn a proposal. However, Slovakia was asked to submit a corrected proposal as an official document to the sixty-fifth session, adding an introductory text and proposal where in the Handbook it could be included.

Proposal

3. The corrected checklist should be added to the ATP Handbook in Annex 1, Appendix 1 after paragraph 6 with the comment shown below.

Justification

4. Annex 1, Appendix 1 deals with provisions relating to the checking of insulated, refrigerated, mechanically refrigerated or heated equipment for compliance with the standards, and that is why it is a suitable place for inserting the checklist.

Feasibility

5. The corrected checklist is attached to this document.

Enforceability

6. No problem with enforcement is foreseen.

Comment:

ATP checklist

The following ATP checklist may serve as a procedure for verifying transport equipment used for the road transport of perishable foodstuffs. The ATP checklist includes basic information regarding the inspection of the isothermal properties of road transport equipment (certificate, certification plate, manufacturer's plate etc.) and the monitoring of air temperatures of quick-frozen perishable foodstuffs.

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