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**Classification marking for Multi-Temperature Multi-Compartment equipment (MTMC)****Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands**

1. Documents TRANS/WP.11/2013/4 and TRANS/WP.11/2013/11 both propose amendments for markings as mentioned in Annex 1, Appendix 4 for MTMC equipment. Both documents propose a classification code for each compartment and a system to determine the sequence in which the classification markings are to be applied.
  2. The Netherlands is of the opinion that the proposed markings are too complex and do not include all types of equipment that could be approved as MTMC equipment (i.e. equipment such as railway wagons with side doors and no clear front or rear end or equipment with two floors/levels). Misinterpretations and unforeseen constructions that cannot follow the proposed sequence will inevitably cause problems.
  3. It is proposed for MTMC equipment to add only the letter “M” to the classification code of the complete equipment in which the compartments are included. Additionally, information can be given in the ATP certificate or an information plate near the doors used for loading.
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