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Procedures at border controls when the requirements of the ATP Agreement are not met

Transmitted by Finland

Introduction

1. When a vehicle that does not meet the requirements of the ATP Agreement is found during the controls carried out by Finnish Customs, according to the procedure adopted in Finland, they are obliged to check that the temperature regulations are fulfilled. If the temperature conditions are fulfilled, the transport is allowed to continue to its destination, where the municipal control authorities verify in connection with unloading that the transported products meet the requirements in question.

Question

2. Finland would like to know what the procedures are in other countries that are contracting parties to ATP. Could the ATP be applied so that means of transport that do not meet ATP requirements are turned back straight away at the border?

Proposal

3. It would be useful if the secretariat collects data from ATP contracting parties on what procedures, penalties etc. are applied when the requirements of ATP are not met.