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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP)

Paragraph 6 of Annex 1, Appendix 1

Transmitted by the Government of Belgium

Paragraph 6 of Annex 1, Appendix 1, imposes the presence of a plate – for the body as well as for the thermal equipment – with identification marks, which must contain at least the specified characteristics.

However, the text doesn't mention where these plates have to be put. As a result, especially for the thermal equipment, one has to search for these plates each time there is a new type of thermal equipment. Furthermore, for some configurations, a partial removal of the thermal equipment is necessary in order to be able to verify the requested data. As for the verification of the data of older equipment, the wear and the corrosion often make the work even more complicated.

Therefore, it would be useful to modify the mentioned paragraph here above by adding the following:

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"6. The insulated bodies of "insulated", "refrigerated", "mechanically refrigerated" or "heated" transport equipment and their thermal appliances shall each bear permanent distinguishing marks affixed by the manufacturer and including at least the following particulars:

Country of manufacture or letters used in international road traffic;

Name of manufacturer or company;

Model (figures and/or letters);

Serial number;

Month and year of manufacture.

These marks shall be clearly legible and fixed in a conspicuous and readily accessible location not requiring the dismantling of equipment."