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**ATP HANDBOOK**

Proposal for inclusion in the ATP Handbook of a certificate of  
maintenance of cooling appliances\*

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden

**SUMMARY**

**Executive summary:** Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 49 of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) does not include any requirements for the maintenance of refrigeration equipment. To have a harmonized application, the inclusion of the proposed certificate of maintenance in the ATP Handbook is necessary.

**Action to be taken:** Introduction of the certificate in the ATP Handbook.

**Related documents:** None.

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\* The present document is submitted in accordance with the Programme of Work for 2008-2012 of the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/2008/11, Item 2.11 (f)) which calls for the "Elaboration of an ATP Handbook".

### **Introduction**

1. In order to guarantee the preservation of the quality of perishable foodstuffs during their carriage a number of parameters are important, for example, the performance of the cooling unit and the reliability of the cooling unit. Checking of these parameters during an ATP inspection is not harmonised because no regulations are defined in paragraph 49.

### **Proposal**

2. Introduce in the ATP Handbook the example of a certificate of maintenance as shown in the annex to this document.

### **Justification**

3. Statistics have shown that in approximately 30% of failed ATP tests, the reason is a failure of the cooling appliance. Cooling units are very often in a bad condition, especially after nine years. A harmonised certificate of maintenance could help reduce the number of failed ATP tests.

### **Simplification**

4. The introduction of a certificate of maintenance will ease the work of competent authorities.

### **Feasibility**

5. The certificate of maintenance is expected to improve practical life.

### **Enforceability**

6. No problem of enforcement is foreseen.

**Annex**

**CERTIFICATE OF MAINTENANCE**

It is hereby certified that the cooling unit with the designation mark and serial number indicated below has undergone a maintenance service carried out by .....

**COOLING UNIT**

Designation mark: .....

Type:.....

Serial number: .....

Type approval certificate number:.....

Done at: .....

On: .....

[Accredited company:..... ]

Testing officer: .....

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