

The UNECE Executive Secretary sent the attached letter about the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP). In this letter, he requested the contact information for the U.S. authority competent to sign multilateral agreements.

We checked with our colleagues in Washington, who confirmed there is not a single signing authority for such agreements. We recognize that our process may be more centralized than other countries. We would make any decisions about what entity would sign such agreements for the U.S. Government on a case-by-case basis. If you have any question regarding signing authority for a specific agreement, the U.S. Mission in Geneva will serve as the Point of Contact and will advise should the occasion arise. Separately, the UNECE ATP table correctly includes USDA as the Country Authority for issuing certificates of compliance.

Please let us know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,
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