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Proposals of amendments to ATP:

Pending proposals

Proposed amendments to annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7

Transmitted by the Government of France

Summary

Executive summary:	Proposal to amend annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7 by excluding the use of removable dividing walls in multi-compartment, multi-temperature equipment and to add a definition of removeable dividing wall to annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.1
Action to be taken:	Supplement annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7
Related documents:	None.

Introduction

1. Annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7 refers to the thermal losses through internal dividing walls for which only two types are represented, by the terms “Longitudinal” and “Transversal”.
2. The technological solutions offered by body manufacturers to meet the needs of carriers are not fully represented by these terms, which may be open to interpretation.
3. The materials used in the design of dividing walls are likely to come into contact with transported foodstuffs. These materials must not alter the foodstuffs or give them harmful or abnormal properties.
4. The purpose of this proposal is to introduce a notion of hygiene and exclude the use of removable dividing walls in multi-temperature transport, and to supplement annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7 in addition to the proposal made in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2022/5. A definition of removable dividing wall is also to be added to paragraph 7.3.1.



I. Proposal

5. Introduce a notion of hygiene at the end of paragraph 7.3.7 in annex 1, appendix 2:

7.3.7. Internal dividing walls

“In the case of a movable dividing wall, the wall must be fitted out with a locking mechanism to ensure that it is maintained in a vertical or horizontal position throughout the use of the equipment.”

The removable dividing walls may not be used in multi-temperature transport.

6. Introduce the definition of removable dividing wall in annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7:

“(o) Removable dividing wall: A dividing wall that cannot be mechanically locked to the machine and that allows storage outside the equipment.

II. Impact

Cost:	No impact.
Environment:	No impact
Feasibility:	The proposed amendment can easily be implemented in ATP. A transitional period is not needed.
Enforceability:	No problems are expected.
