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Proposals for 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 supplement annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7 by adding a definition of a removable dividing wall and excluding the use of this type of dividing wall in multi-temperature, multi-compartment equipment.
Action to be taken:	Supplement annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7
Related documents:	ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2022/14 and ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2022/5

Introduction

1. The certification of multi-temperature equipment requires an assessment of the ability of internal dividing walls within the equipment to maintain the physical and thermal separation of two adjacent compartments during the transport of perishable goods.

2. Annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7 refers to the thermal losses through internal dividing walls with only two types mentioned, using the terms “longitudinal” and “transversal”. As a result, the acceptance criteria for these internal dividing walls are not sufficiently clear in ATP to rule out technical solutions that do not meet the objective of certification or to prevent differences in interpretation between competent authorities that could lead to the acceptance in one country of multi-temperature equipment that is rejected in another country.

3. The purpose of this proposal is to supplement the proposals in ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2022/14 and ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2022/5 by introducing, in annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7:

- A definition of a removable dividing wall



- The exclusion of removable dividing walls from multi-temperature multi-compartment equipment

I. Proposal

4. Introduce the definition of a removable dividing wall in annex 1, appendix 2, paragraph 7.3.7:
 - Removable dividing wall: A dividing wall that cannot be mechanically locked to the equipment and that requires no tools for dismantling and storage outside the equipment.
5. Add at the end of 7.3.7. Internal dividing walls:
“Removable dividing walls may not be used in multi-temperature transport.”
6. Translation:
Cloison amovible: removable dividing wall

II. Impact

Cost:	No impact.
Environment:	This proposal aims to harmonize the interpretation of ATP and reduce distortions of competition.
Feasibility:	The proposed amendment can easily be introduced into ATP. A transitional period of one year is proposed.
Enforceability:	No problems are expected.
