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**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2004-2008**

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**ACTIVITY 02.11: TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS**

**Harmonization of regulations and standards relating to the international  
transport of perishable foodstuffs and facilitation of its operations**

Priority: 2

Description:

Review of the harmonization and the facilitation of the international transport of perishable foodstuffs under the ATP Agreement and updating of this Agreement in order to keep it in line with technological developments, taking into account safety and quality standards.

Work to be undertaken:

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Consideration of amendment proposals to ATP to ensure it is updated as necessary.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2004:

Entry into force of the revision of Annexes 1 and 2 to ATP.

- (b) Exchange of information on the implementation of ATP by virtue of Article 6.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2004:

Consideration of the information exchanged between Contracting Parties And their consequences on the implementation of ATP.

- (c) Follow-up of resolution No. 243 on “Improving the traffic flow of ATP vehicles for the transport of foodstuffs covered by ATP” for better facilitation.

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2004:

To consider the difficulties encountered at border crossings, for the transport of perishable foodstuffs, on an annual basis.

- (d) Review of the definitions and standards (in Annex 1) for the carriage of perishable foodstuffs following the Montreal Protocol to take account of new refrigerants and insulating materials, and environmental constraints.

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2005:

To contribute to the promotion of less polluting vehicles and fuels, as recommended in the Programme of Joint Action adopted by the Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment (Vienna, 12-14 November 1997).

- (e) Consideration of methods developed by the IIR Sub-Commission on testing stations.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2004:

To take account of the work done by IIR relating to the transport of perishable foodstuffs.

- (f) Elaboration of an ATP Handbook

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2004:

To have a final version of the Handbook including the revised annexes.

ACTIVITIES OF A LIMITED DURATION

- (g) Consideration of proposals on the conditions of transport of fresh fruit and vegetables. (2005)

Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2005:

To finish the consideration of the feasibility of introducing rules for the transport of fresh fruit and vegetables into ATP.

- (h) Consideration of amendment proposals relating to test methods and procedures for the approval of multi-compartment and multi-temperature vehicles, to take account of technical development. (2005) Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2005:

The entry into force of a new amendment to ATP on multi-compartment and multi-temperature vehicles.

- (i) Process of integration in Europe in relation to ATP. (2004) Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2004:

To cooperate with the Commission of the European Communities with the aim of harmonizing European regulations with ATP.

- (j) Review of the approval of kit-bodies. (2004) Priority: 2

Output expected by the end of 2005:

The entry into force of a new amendment to ATP on the approval of kit-bodies.

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