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Item 6 of the provisional agenda

**ATP HANDBOOK**

**Proposal for an ATP checklist\***

**Transmitted by the Government of Slovakia**

**Introduction**

1. At the sixty-fourth session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11), Slovakia proposed the addition of an ATP checklist in the ATP Handbook (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/2008/12) as a useful tool for inspection bodies (food, metrology, etc.). The ATP checklist covers the basic information involved in inspecting the transport equipment (certificate, certification plate, manufacture's plates etc.) and temperature recorder.

2. According to the report of the sixty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.11/218, paragraph 36), the WP.11 examined a proposal made by Slovakia to add an ATP checklist to the ATP Handbook. It agreed to modify the first sentence on page 2 of the proposal to read "Transport equipment has to be equipped with a valid certificate or a certification plate and a distinguishing mark." It also agreed that page 3 of the proposal was not necessary since the information

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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".

presented was already in the ATP. The voting on the proposal was as follows: 11 countries in favour (Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, United Kingdom), one against (Netherlands) and seven abstentions (Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Finland, Sweden, Ukraine, United States). The proposal was therefore considered accepted in principle since, as explained by the Chairman, in the case of the ATP Handbook, three negative votes were required to overturn a proposal. However, Slovakia was asked to submit a corrected proposal as an official document to the sixty-fifth session, adding an introductory text and proposal where in the Handbook it could be included.

### **Proposal**

3. The corrected checklist should be added to the ATP Handbook in Annex 1, Appendix 1 after paragraph 6 with the comment shown below.

### **Justification**

4. Annex 1, Appendix 1 deals with provisions relating to the checking of insulated, refrigerated, mechanically refrigerated or heated equipment for compliance with the standards, and that is why it is a suitable place for inserting the checklist.

### **Feasibility**

5. The corrected checklist is attached to this document.

### **Enforceability**

6. No problem with enforcement is foreseen.

### Comment:

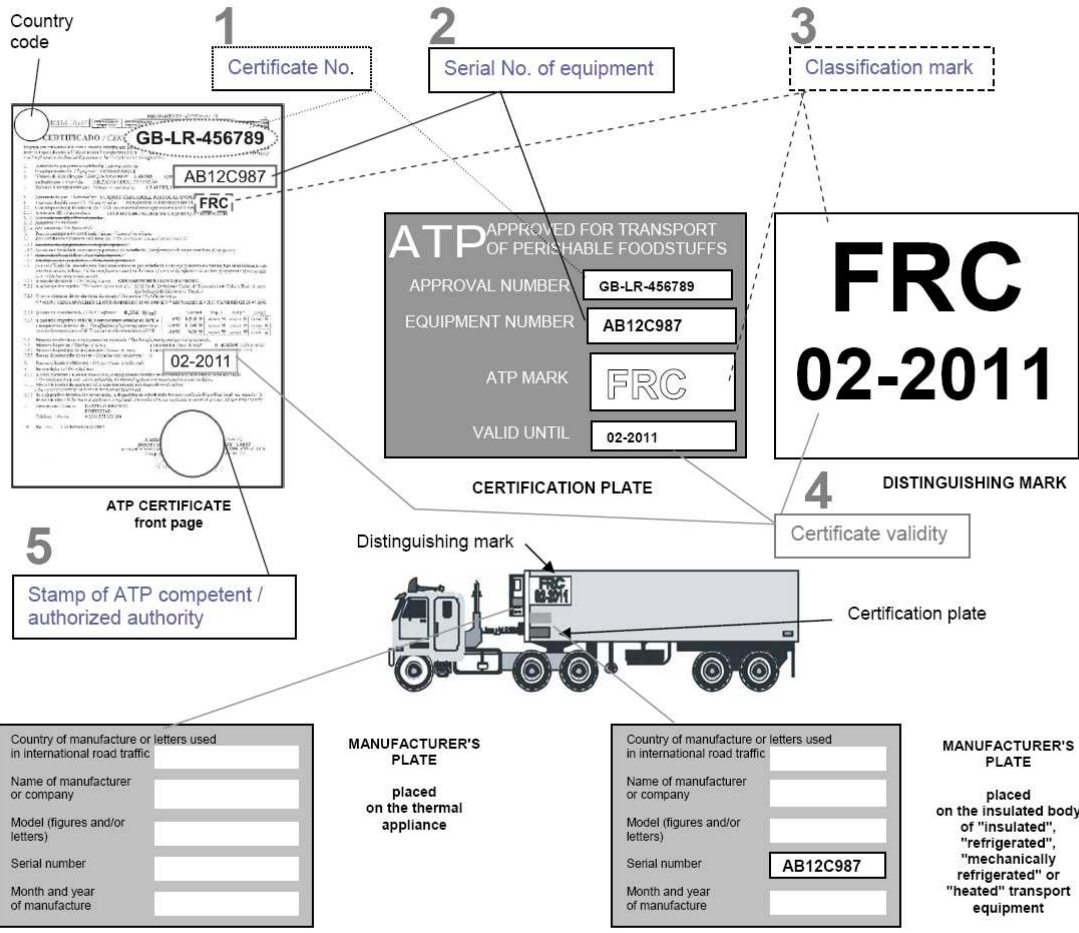
#### *ATP checklist*

*The following ATP checklist may serve as a procedure for verifying transport equipment used for the road transport of perishable foodstuffs. The ATP checklist includes basic information regarding the inspection of the isothermal properties of road transport equipment (certificate, certification plate, manufacturer's plate etc.) and the monitoring of air temperatures of quick-frozen perishable foodstuffs.*

**PROCEDURE FOR VERIFICATION OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT  
 USED FOR ROAD TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS**

**INSPECTION OF ISOTHERMAL PROPERTIES OF ROAD TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT**

Transport equipment has to be equipped with a valid certificate or a certification plate and a distinguishing mark.  
 Examples of most important identification data:



**MONITORING OF AIR TEMPERATURES FOR TRANSPORT OF QUICK-FROZEN PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS**

The transport equipment must be fitted with a suitable recording instrument to monitor, at frequent and regular intervals, the air temperatures to which quick-frozen foodstuffs intended for human consumption are subjected.

**CHECK:** Do the measuring instruments comply with standards EN 12830 and EN 13486? **YES / NO**  
 Is the calibration certificate valid? **YES / NO**

Temperature recordings obtained in this manner must be dated and stored by the operator for at least one year or longer, according to the nature of the food. Measuring instruments shall comply with the provisions of this Appendix one year after the date of entry into force of the above provision. Measuring instruments already installed, but which do not conform to the above standards before this date can continue to be used until 31 December 2009.