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Status and implementation of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP):

Exchange of information among Parties under Article 6 of ATP

Responses to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP

Note by the secretariat

Introduction

1. At its sixty-seventh session in 2011, WP.11 reminded countries of their obligation to respond to the questionnaire.
2. By e-mail, the secretariat requested all countries represented in WP.11 to reply to the questionnaire with their 2011 data. The data received are presented in the tables below.
3. Information on the number of checks made and breaches detected in 2011 has been provided by Czech Republic, Finland, France, Greece, Slovak Republic and Spain (see Table 1 below).

Table 1
Number of checks made and breaches detected in 2011

Country	CZ	FIN	FR	GR	SK	SP
Number of ATP road checks	287	91	2556	-	545	-
Number of ATP rail checks	0	0	0	-	0	-
Breaches documents domestic/foreign	3/18	37/14	-	-	0/0	295/11
Breaches thermal appliances domestic/foreign	0/2	1/0	-	-	0/0	102/0
Breaches body domestic/foreign	18/68	8/1	-	-	18/0	312/10
Other breaches domestic/foreign	0	8*/0	-	-	0/0	4/0
Total breaches domestic/foreign	21/88	54/15	301	-	18/0	713/21
% of defective equipment	NS	76	NS	-	3.3	NS

Notes:

NS Not specified.

* Did not present the documents for the self-control system.

4. Additional information on the number of certificates issued in 2011 was provided by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Netherlands, Poland, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom (see Table 2 below).

Table 2
Additional information on compliance with ATP: number of certificates issued in 2010

Country	BH	CZ	DK	FIN	FR	GR	NL	POL	SERB	SK	SP	SW	UK
1 st certificate new equipment	0	388	1105	516	15659	-	602	2225	6	320	4811	491	1562
2 nd certificate inspection	0	63	15	220	-	-	543	1541	10	73	7754	8	71
2 nd certificate K value	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	1	0	2	0	77	0
3 rd certificate inspection	0	30	157	73	14176*	-	42	972	4	18	7676	5	95
3 rd certificate K value	4	0	0	1	-	-	0	10	0	0	0	3	0
4 th certificate inspection	0	2	37	20	-	-	0	443	0	1	11 379	1	44
4 th certificate K value	0	0	0	1	-	-	0	19	0	0	1	3	0
Total	4	483	1314	831	29835	-	1187	5211	20	414	31621	590	1859
Duplicates	NS	5	74	0	210	-	13	7	0	0	685	8	87

Notes:

NS Not specified.

* Represents all 2nd to 4th certificates issued based on inspection by expert or K value.

Finland: Certificates marked as "duplicate" are not issued in Finland. Instead, new certificates are issued to replace lost or erroneous ones. The number of such certificates was 25 in 2011 and they are included in the figures above.

United Kingdom: Duplicates are replacements rather than duplicates.

5. The secretariat also requested countries to provide any complementary information on implementation of ATP. In response, the following new information was provided:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Pursuant to the Law on Road Traffic Safety in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette No. 06/60, 75/06, 44/07, 84/09), the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina has adopted the Rulebook on Vehicle Certification and Requirements for Vehicle Certification Issuing Authorities (Official Gazette No. 41/08, 89/11), which, among other things, covers issues related to testing and inspection of vehicles for transportation of perishable goods.

United States

Under Article 10, paragraph 1, the United States declared that ATP does not apply to carriage performed in any or in a particular one of its territories situated outside Europe. Upon request, the US Department of Agriculture may provide ATP certificates for vehicles intended for export to countries that observe ATP. The US Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service and Agricultural Marketing Service, and the US Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration provide guidance to ensure that meat, poultry, egg products, and other perishable foodstuffs do not become adulterated during transportation. Some states, such as Indiana and Michigan, organize highway checks of domestic refrigerated vehicles.
