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Proposals of amendments to the ATP: New proposals

ATP Handbook

Three proposals to amend the ATP

Transmitted by the Government of Italy

I. Proposal to amend the model form of the ATP certificate

Summary

Executive summary: Proposal to amend the model form of the ATP certificate.

Action to be taken: Add more information about the insulated body in the ATP certificate in Annex 1, Appendix 3 A.

Related documents: None.

Introduction

1. It seems that there is a lack of information in the form of the certificate: it is expressly specified to report only the serial number of the insulated body. Unfortunately, it is quite common to see ATP certificates without any reference to the manufacturer of the body, to the model/type and to the year of construction (in some cases there is no reference at all to the insulated body). This does not facilitate the checks carried out by the competent authority and could lead to an unacceptable increase in false certificates. All ATP insulated bodies have to have a plate making reference to the model, serial number, name of manufacturer and year of construction and this information should also be listed in the ATP certificate.

Proposal

2. Amend the model certificate in Annex 1, Appendix 3 A as follows:

"3. [...] allotted by: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Insulated box ~~serial number~~: **MARK, MODEL, SERIAL NUMBER, YEAR OF MANUFACTURE**

[..]"

3. Add a new footnote (number 7) as follows and renumber the other footnotes accordingly:

⁷ *Write the mark, model, serial number and year of manufacture of the insulated body.*"

Justification

Cost	No costs are foreseen.
Feasibility	A transitional period may be adopted if WP.11 considers it necessary.
Enforceability	This proposal adds more information about the insulated body and consequently can be helpful for the checks made by the competent authority.

II. Correction of a standard listed for measuring refrigerating capacity (enthalpy method)

Summary

Executive summary:	The reference to the standard quoted for measuring the refrigerating capacity (enthalpy method) is not correct.
Action to be taken:	The reference to standard ISO 971 has to be replaced by ISO 917 in Annex1, Appendix 2, paragraph 4.3.2.
Related documents:	None.

Introduction

4. An error has been detected in the reference to the standards listed in the method to calculate refrigerating capacity using the enthalpy method. Probably, this method is rarely used to determine the capacity of mechanical refrigerating units. Nevertheless, it is necessary to make reference to the correct standard. Furthermore, the standard BS 3122 (listed in the same paragraph) has been withdrawn and replaced by BS EN 13771-1. WP.11 may wish to discuss the replacement of this second standard too.

Proposal

5. In Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 4.3.2, replace "ISO 971" by "ISO 917".

Justification

Cost	No costs are foreseen.
Feasibility	No transitional period is required for the correction.
Enforceability	At once. This is just a correction of an incorrect reference.

III. Introduction of a method to test equipment with fixed eutectic plates (in-service equipment)

Summary

Executive summary:	There is no reference in the ATP to a method for verifying in-service equipment with fixed eutectic plates by experts (3-year test).
Action to be taken:	Delete the exclusion of equipment with fixed eutectic plates in Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 6.1.
Related documents:	None.

Introduction

6. For many years (almost 20) ATP has not provided a method for testing in-service equipment with fixed eutectic plates (except in test stations). This kind of vehicle is quite common for distribution transport all over Europe (especially, but not only, for delivering ice-cream and frozen and quick-frozen foodstuffs). The proposal aims at introducing a test method for this equipment by choosing the test method that is already present in ATP for refrigerated equipment. This method has been used (and is still being used for domestic transport) in Italy for decades (hundreds of tests per year) and no problems have been encountered. It has also to be pointed out that, even if this kind of vehicle is used for distribution transport, a number of these vehicles operate across the borders of different countries, so they need an ATP certificate.

Proposal

7. Amend the title of paragraph 6.1 of Annex 1, Appendix 2 as follows:

"6.1 Refrigerated equipment other than equipment with fixed eutectic accumulators

[..]"

Justification

Cost	No costs are foreseen.
Feasibility	No transitional period is required.
Enforceability	This proposal will fix the lack of a valid testing method for refrigerated equipment with fixed eutectic plates.
