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Additional information on the implementation of the ATP

Transmitted by the Government of France

France has a brochure (attached) which responds to the additional questions asked and a dedicated website: http://www.autoritecompetenteatp.cemafroid.fr/index_en.htm

The temperature monitoring of chilled foodstuffs is not required in France.

►► What happens in case of modification or sale of the equipment?

Any major equipment modification involves an update of the ATP certificate with or without test. The owner of the equipment must make an application either to the manufacturer or a test center.

In the event of change of ownership of a vehicle, the new owner requests the amendment of its certificate from a test center. If he does not wish to perform the test, he renounces in writing to the test center.

►► What are the rules in case of importation of a vehicle in France?

If the equipment has an ATP certificate from the country of origin, the applicant shall transmit to Cemafruid the certificate application file, including test reports of the body and the unit and the certificates issued by the competent authority of the manufacturing country.

The competent authority shall verify the validity of the documents provided and if they comply, it issues a certificate of conformity via DATAFRIG ®. A physical control, a test or a tunnel test can be done at the request of the ATP competent authority.

If the equipment does not have ATP certificate from the country of origin and if the manufacturer is not authorized, it is tested in an ATP official test station. In case of favorable test, the certificate is issued by the ATP competent authority.

►► Are there any special cases?

There are several special cases for transport equipment as:

- small containers of less than 2 m³ volume,
- tanks,
- packaging carrying perishable goods.

Special arrangements also exist for the overseas departments (DOM).

For more information, please contact the ATP competent authority.

(cf. www.autoritecompetenteATP.cemafruid.fr)

►► ATP Competent Authority

Requests and renewal of ATP certificates of conformity and importation cases

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from monday to friday continuous
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DATAFRIG database

<http://datafrig.cemafruid.fr>

www.autoritecompetenteATP.cemafruid.fr

►► Certification transport

Auhtorization of manufacturers of new equipment and test centers for in-service equipment requesters of certificates

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certification@cemafruid.fr

www.autoritecompetenteATP.cemafruid.fr

►► ATP official test stations

ATP types testing and renewal of equipment over 12 years (6 years for tanks)

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contact@cemafruid.fr

►► List of manufacturers and test centers authorized

Contact the professionals authorized on :

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Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs

ATP certificates of conformity





▶▶ What is ATP?

ATP is the agreement on the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs and on the special equipment to be used for such carriage. ATP is an UN agreement signed by 48 countries. The current version is available on the UNECE Website: www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/atp.html.

▶▶ Is the ATP agreement applicable in France?

For national transport, national regulations require the use of equipment with a certificate of technical compliance ATP or a national certificate. This requirement can be derogated for transport of less than 80 km without reloading, i.e. without opening the doors.

▶▶ How to recognize compliant equipment?

Equipment in service within the ATP or national regulation has a certificate of technical compliance (paper).

Stickers marking shall be affixed at the top, on the front and on either side of the lateral faces of



the body. It is blue for ATP and red for national certificate. The distinguishing marks allow recognizing the technique of refrigeration production of the equipment, their insulation and their class(*).

▶▶ Who issues ATP certificates of conformity and national certificates?

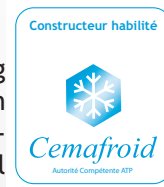
The information database DATA-FRIG® centralizes requests for certificates. These are issued by the Cemafruid, ATP competent authority for France by delegation from the Ministry in charge of Agriculture.



▶▶ What are the steps so that an equipment can benefit from an ATP certificate (or national)?

For a new equipment

Each prototype of body, device cooling or equipment must pass a test in an ATP official test station. Manufacturers of equipment that have an official test report defining the thermal cha-



acteristics, have to be authorized to demonstrate compliance of their production prototypes.

Authorization is granted on the basis of an audit of the manufacturer according to the technical reference document approved by the ministry and available on the website of the competent authority.

For equipment in service

At 6 years and 9 years, a refrigerated vehicle must pass a test in a testing center authorized by Cemafruid based on a technical reference document (cf. www.autoritecompetenteATP.cemafruid.fr).



Beyond 12 years, the vehicle must pass the test in an ATP official test station for a renewal of six years and it can be performed by batch. The certificate can be renewed every 6 years.

Certificates of conformity and ATP in France

*How to read ATP marks?

- 1st letter = Type of refrigeration
 - I ▶ Insulated / R ▶ Refrigerated
 - F ▶ Mechanically refrigerated / C ▶ Heated
- 2nd letter = Type of insulation
 - R ▶ Heavy (k<0,4) / N ▶ Normal (k<0,7)
- 3rd letter = Class of the equipment
 - A (0°C), B (-10°C), C (-20°C), ...
- 4th letter = Type of refrigeration unit
 - X for equipment with a removable or non-independent thermal appliance.

Ex : **FRAX** is a Class A mechanically refrigerated (F) equipment with heavy insulation (R) and a non-independent thermal appliance (X).

