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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[[1]](#footnote-2)\*

Note by the secretariat[[2]](#footnote-3)\*\*

Introduction

1. At WP.11's seventy-ninth session in 2022, the Working Party thanked the 21countries that had provided data in response to the questionnaire on the implementation of ATP in 2021 and stressed that it was mandatory to have information from all ATP contracting parties and that it was a means of harmonizing implementation of the agreement.

2. The secretariat requested all countries represented in WP.11 to reply to the questionnaire with their 2022 data. The data received from 23 countries are presented in the tables below.

3. Information on the number of checks made and breaches detected in 2022 has been provided by twelve countries: Belgium, Czechia, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Norway, Poland, San Marino, Slovakia and Spain (see Table 1 below).

# Table 1

**Number of checks made and breaches detected in 2022**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Country* | *BE* | *CZ* | *FIN* | *FRA* | *HUN* | *IT* | *LV* | *NW* | *POL* | *SM* | *SLV* | *SP* |
| Number of ATP road checks | 3309 | 1627 | 112 | 562 | \* | \* | 310 | 10 | 5308 | 11 | 13 | 1093 |
| Number of ATP rail checks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \* | \* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Breaches documents  domestic/foreign | 3/147 | 1/5 | 4/7 | 5/1 | 6/27 | 10/2 | 0/0 | 0 | 13/102 | 0/0 | 3/5 | 990/22 |
| Breaches thermal appliances domestic/foreign | 0/0 | 3/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 98/6 | 9/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| Breaches body  domestic/foreign | 0/0 | 0/0 | 3/4 | 10/0 | 0/0 | 286/14 | 6/8 | 3/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| Other breaches  domestic/foreign | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 5/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 32/2 |
| **Total breaches domestic/foreign** | **3/147** | **4/5** | **7/11** | **15/1** | **6/27** | **399/24** | **15/20** | **3/0** | **13/102** | **0/0** | **3/5** | **1022/24** |
| % of defective equipment | <1 | <1 | 16.1 | 5.3 | - | - | 11.29 | 2 | 2.16 | 0 | - | 3.25 |

*Notes*:

\* *Information not available.*

*\*\* In the Netherlands checks on the application are done by the national food authority. This organization monitors application of all food legislation and safety (and also other products). They report in general and not specific on ATP vehicles, so data cannot be easily isolated. For this reason we do not receive information on this and the notification is “no information available”.*

4. The secretariat received the following information from Bulgaria:

*“The Bulgarian Food Safety Agency is authorized by the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria at the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva as a competent authority in the framework of the Convention on the International Carriage of perishable food products and the Special Means of transport intended for such carriage (ATP) before the Economic Commission for Europe at the UN. There is no ATP test station built in the Republic of Bulgaria. The Republic of Bulgaria recognizes ATP certificates issued by stations officially recognized and included in the Convention of other competent authorities.*

*As a competent authority for food safety, BFSA does not carry out control activities regarding the compliance with the Convention, therefore we could not provide answers to the questions in the questionnaire requesting data on the application of the Convention on the International Carriage of perishable food products and the Special Means of transport intended for such carriage (ATP).”*

5. Additional information on the number of certificates issued in 2022 has been provided by twenty-two countries: Belgium, Belarus, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States of America (see table 2 below).

Table 2

**Additional information on compliance with ATP: number of certificates issued in 2022**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Country* | *BE* | | *BELA* | *CRO* | *CZ* | *DK* | *FIN* | *FRA* | *GR* | *HUN* | *IT* | *LV* |
| 1st cert new equipment | | 469 | 149 | 64 | 368 | 1240 | 591 | 15962 | 61 | 48 | 10997 | 81 |
| 2nd cert inspection | | 377 | 172 | 194 | 1257 | 226 | 339 | 12940 | 222 | 1 | 4338 | 149 |
| 2nd cert K value | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 8 | 2 | 3651 | 0 |
| 3rd cert inspection | | 143 | 246 | 149 | \*\* | 0 | 199 | 3156 | 47 | 0 | 4480 | 58 |
| 3rd cert K value | | 0 | 0 | 0 | \*\* | 0 | 0 | 28 | 18 | 1 | 3530 | 0 |
| 4th cert inspection | | 21 | 131 | 0 | \*\* | 0 | 39 | 27 | 2 | 0 | 3864 | 22 |
| 4th cert K value | | 0 | 0 | 0 | \*\* | 0 | 0 | 199 | 18 | 0 | 1753 | 0 |
| 5th cert inspection | | 18 | 192 | 0 | \*\* | 0 | 29 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5th cert K value | | 0 | 0 | 0 | \*\* | 0 | 0 | 72 | 6 | 0 | 2871 | 0 |
| **Total** | **1028** | | **890** | **407** | **1627** | **1466** | **1197** | **33954** | **383** | **52** | 35584 | **310** |
| Duplicates | 2 | | 15 | 1 | 6 | 24 | \* | 480 | - | 0 | 93 | 21 |

*\* 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 in 2022 was 37 and they are included in the figures in the table.*

\*\* *Information not available.*

Table 2 *(cont'd)*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Country* | *NL* | *NW* | *POL* | *POR* | *SM* | *SK* | *SLV* | *SP* | *SW* | *UK* | *USA* |
| 1st cert new equipment | 328 | 148 | 2702 | 630 | 0 | 378 | 124 | 11462 | 690 | 2041 | 0 |
| 2nd cert inspection | 702 | 11 | 1604 | 824 | 1 | 82 | 220 | 9555 | 34 | 153 | 0 |
| 2nd cert K value | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1420 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3rd cert inspection | 298 | 0 | 2301 | 367 | 2 | 19 | 107 | 4560 | 8 | 64 | 0 |
| 3rd cert K value | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 721 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4th cert inspection | 97 | 0 | 2024 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 61 | 3959 | 12 | 38 | 0 |
| 4th cert K value | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 666 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5th cert inspection | 0 | 0 | 1338 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 37 | 4691 | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| 5th cert K value | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1901 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **1440** | **159** | **9981** | **2079** | **11** | **484** | **552** | **39945** | **780** | **2296** | **0** |
| Duplicates | 2 | 0 | 42 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 266 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

\*\* *Information not available*

1. \* Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. \*\* The document was submitted late because of a technical reason. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)