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**CONTRIBUTION OF THE IIR TO THE SESSION  
ON TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS (ATP)**

**Transmitted by the International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR)**

As in the previous years, the IIR has included in its programme those problems that were raised within the WP.11 concerning ATP.

In the framework of IIR Commission D2/3 and particularly the Sub-Commission on test stations, impulse has been given to experiments, and technical concertation has taken place. Part of the recommendations of the Commission have given birth to some proposals presented. The main points are listed below.

(1) Multi-compartment vehicles - ATP, paras. 61-69

The IIR Sub-Commission has examined previous proposals and additions presented by its members during its meeting in Cambridge in March. A document amended on this basis has been presented by the United Kingdom.

The IIR has endeavoured to make it acceptable to all parties on the understanding that the choice of "safety factors" is a separate issue still to be agreed.

(2) Approval/certification procedures, para. 79

The IIR has sent to Sub-Commission D2/3 members the questionnaire announced last year (Inf. No 7/1997 of October 1997). This questionnaire is intended to complement that being carried out by Transfrigoroute, which was announced during the 1997 November meeting.

(3) Revision of the ATP Agreement

Sub-Commission D2/3 has noted that the time for a full revision of the text of the ATP is near, to remove anomalies and outdated material and to identify any shortcomings. If it should be so requested, the IIR with the Sub-Commission could undertake this work.

(4) Further topics

The following topics have been identified by the IIR as perhaps needing future attention, but not having yet reached the stage for proposals:

- (a) acceptability of "curtain-sided" vehicle,
- (b) future use of thin evacuated insulation panels,
- (c) acceptability of Class C reapproval without a chamber test,
- (d) in-service testing of eutectic systems,
- (e) certification of small insulated transport boxes,
- (f) modification of test reports to include foam blowing agent,
- (g) safety factor.

(5) International Congress of Refrigeration

Participants in the WP.11 may like to know that the next International Congress of Refrigeration will take place in Sydney, Australia, September 19-24, 1999. The Congress takes place every four years.

This one is being organized jointly by Australia and New Zealand. The cold chain and particularly refrigerated transport will have an important place in the Congress. The call for papers has been sent out. Deadlines for abstracts have been set at November 30, 1998, and for manuscripts April 30, 1999.

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It is worth disseminating information in our different countries and encouraging people to present papers and take part in the Congress.

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