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Period of validity

Proposed amendment to Annex 1, paragraph 41 of ATP

Transmitted by the Government of France

1. Period of validity

The Government of Italy has entered an objection to the proposed amendments to Annex 1 of the Agreement, concerning two points (see C.N.34-1998 TREATIES-1):

(a) Annex 1, paragraph 1

For heavily insulated equipment, in the second subparagraph, replace "walls with a thickness of at least 45 mm" by "side walls with a thickness of at least 45 mm";

(b) Annex 1, Appendix 2

In the test reports Models Nos. 2A, 2B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5 and 6, replace: "a period of not more than three years" by "a period of not more than six years".

The Government of France would like to know whether the objection by Italy concerns both proposed amendments (a) and (b) or only (a).

Proposal (b) is simply the correction of mistakes in the transposition of the text and is already being implemented.

2. Proposed amendment to Annex 1, paragraph 41 of ATP (see the report TRANS/WP.11/196, paragraph 36, of 4 December 1997)

Paragraph 41 of Annex 1, Appendix 2 of ATP applies only where the appliance has undergone a separate test during initial testing to determine the efficiency of its thermal appliance.

Paragraph 49 of Annex 1, Appendix 2 of ATP defines the full test of the equipment and the group of appliances in service or in a testing station.

Paragraphs 41 and 49 thus have different aims. It is important that the wording of article 49 should not lead to confusion as regards the operations to be performed during full testing.

The references given in paragraph 49 should be amended in order to remove this ambiguity. This is the purpose of the following amendment:

Proposed amendment:

Beginning of the first sentence of paragraph 41 add: "For new equipment," (remainder unchanged).

Second subparagraph of paragraph 49, read: "Apply the methods described in paragraphs 32 to 40 and 42 to 47 of this appendix".

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