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PROPOSED AMENDMENT RELATING TO CHECKING PROCEDURES  
FOR EQUIPMENT OF THE SAME PRODUCTION SERIES

Transmitted by the Government of France

Note: The secretariat reproduces below a proposed amendment to annex 1, appendix 1 of ATP, submitted by France.

One of ATP's objectives is the issuance of certificates of compliance for a production series, based on the results of a limited number of tests in order to reduce costs.

At the time when the Agreement was drafted, 100 units was a reasonable production limit for the prescribed six-year time limit, whereas the 1,000-unit threshold is regularly exceeded within the same period today owing to improvements in the transport of perishable foodstuffs.

In addition, the application of quality assurance to manufacturers (certification based on the standards of ISO series 9000) is often linked to mass production, and provides sound guarantees of compliance on the basis of identified procedures.

Proposed amendment:

Annex 1, appendix 1, item 2 (d), should read as follows:

"If, in the course of the six-year period, the production series exceeds 1000 units, the competent authority shall determine the percentage of units to be tested."