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Working Party on the Transport  
of Perishable Foodstuffs  
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**AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE  
FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR  
SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP)**

**Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 29 (c)**

**Note by the secretariat**

The secretariat reproduces below a proposal submitted by Spain. Spain proposes the addition of a new (iii) to Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 29 (c), to read:

- “(iii) Old vehicles, e.g. more than 15 years old, even where they have passed the general examination for which paragraph 29 (a) provides, may not continue to carry perishable foodstuffs, except in the following cases:
- if the vehicle is classed as heavily insulated (IR), the owner shall apply for a new certificate of compliance as normally insulated (IN) or the vehicle shall pass an insulation inspection in a testing station approved for the purpose in order to keep its heavily insulated (IR) category;

- if the vehicle is classed as normally insulated (IN), it shall pass an insulation inspection in a testing station approved for the purpose in order to be able to renew its certificate of compliance as normally insulated (IN);
- in the above two cases, instead of undergoing an insulation inspection in an approved testing station, the vehicles in question may undergo a special inspection by means of an equivalent procedure which may be authorized by the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs of the Economic Commission for Europe's Inland Transport Committee.”

### **Justification**

This proposal endeavours to clarify the existing ambiguity in the period of periodic inspections by taking into account the fact that the visual inspections by the expert appointed by the competent authority are not the deciding factor, e.g. in determining the objective progress of insulation ageing in a vehicle with several years of service, as in the case of vehicles more than 15 years old.

In addition, since the normal period of depreciation and the working life of a motor vehicle, or of a body assembled with a motor vehicle or an insulated swap body may, under normal conditions, be approximately 15 years, it would appear that the equipment may continue to carry perishable foodstuffs if it passes the insulation inspection.

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