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Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs

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PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ATP

New proposals

Annex 1, Appendix 2, Paragraph 56, Test Procedure

Transmitted by the Government of Portugal

Note by the secretariat

The Programme of Work for 2006-2010 of the Inland Transport Committee adopted at its 68th session in 2006 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, Item 2.11 (a)) requires the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) to ensure the Harmonization of regulations and standards relating to the international transport of perishable foodstuffs and facilitation of its operations, *inter alia*, by the Consideration of amendment proposals to ATP to ensure it is updated as necessary. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

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Justification

In order to clarify the text, the following amendment is proposed:

Proposed amendment

Annex 1, Appendix 2, Paragraph 56 – Test Procedure

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Substitute the existing text

(a) Cooling phase; the initial temperature of the calorimeter box or transport equipment shall be within \pm 3 °C of the prescribed ambient temperature. It shall then be lowered to -25 °C (or to the minimum class temperature);

With the new text

(a) Cooling phase; the initial temperature of the calorimeter box or transport equipment shall be 30 °C \pm 3 °K. It shall then be lowered to the following temperatures: -25 °C for -20 °C class, -13 °C for -10 °C class or -2 °C for 0 °C class;