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REGULATION
on Laboratory for Isothermal Testing of Vehicles for Transportation of
Perishable Goods and Issuance of Compliance Certificates

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I. General Provisions

1. Regulation on the Laboratory for Isothermal Testing of Vehicles for Transportation of Perishable Goods (LITVTPG) was developed based on the ratified Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) (Geneva, September 1, 1970) which entered in force on November 21, 1976 and approved by Majlisi Namoyandagon Madjlisi Oliy of the Republic of Tajikistan No 40 dated 14.04.2010 and TRASECA Programme on Development of Equipment Certification Centres for the Transportation of Perishable Goods in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan under APT.

2. The full name of the Testing Laboratory in Tajik is “Laboratoriya Tashhisiyi Tachkhizoti Isotermiyi Vositakhoyi Nakliyot (LTTIVN).

3. LITVTPG was established in accordance with the Government Regulation No 212 dated 02.05.2007 and No 540 dated 02.11.2007 and located at the Border Terminal of AVVAT Association, 1 May Street, city of Tursunzade, Republic of Tajikistan.

II. Major Goals and Objectives of LITVTPG

2.1. The major goal of LITVTPG (hereinafter Laboratory) is to carry out testing of isothermal equipment of vehicles for carriage of perishable foodstuffs. Such vehicles include special cars, various refrigerating chambers mounted on cars and vehicle chassis, refrigerators and other stationary (non-stationary) types of equipment.

2.2. Laboratories are needed in particular to make inspections to check compliance of all types of equipment listed in paragraph 2.1 of present Regulation with requirements, and if any deficiencies or breakages are identified, those are to be eliminated and repeated check is to be done.

2.3. With regards to calibrating tanks or other containers, the Laboratory works in close contact with TajikStandard, Sanitary Epidemic Inspection (SES) and other relevant agencies.

2.4. Besides, in order to mobilise vehicles equipped with refrigerators and other types of cooling chambers, the management of Laboratory maintains close contact with the representatives of the State Vehicle Inspectorate under the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Service for Transport Supervision and Regulation under the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Tajikistan, as well as with other relevant agencies of the Republic of Tajikistan.

2.5. The major responsibilities of the Laboratory are as follows:

- issuing conformity certificates based on the tests conducted and technical results of diagnostics;
- registering the certificates in computer databases and special registers to document their validity;
- keeping the copies of graphic diagrams of temperature as per temperature detector measurement inside and on the external side of equipment tested;
- repeated registration of factory certificates if they have a limited validity;
- sticking to the regimes and time for testing of each piece of equipment based on their technical parameters;
- development of reports and protocols on testing and storing the copies in accordance to the rules of terms of storage;
- maintaining records and reports on tests, indicating reasons for deficiencies and complaints and ways to address those issues;
- if necessary, information can be disclosed upon request of legal entities or individuals;
- databases (registry) is to be kept in the Laboratory archive for 5 years.

III. Location and Activities of the Laboratory

3.1. The Laboratory is located, where possible and where needed, at the border terminals established in accordance with the Regulation On Transit Passage of International Vehicles through the Territory of the Republic of Tajikistan and Establishment of Border International Vehicle Terminals by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan No 212 dated May 2, 2007.

3.2. The Laboratory has adequate offices and will be equipped by TRASECA programme with modern equipment suited for the main tasks of the Laboratory according to Chapter II of the present Regulation.

3.3. The Laboratories will be staffed with highly qualified specialists with the specialised skills and relevant certificate proving that they were trained in the relevant areas.

3.4. The Laboratory functions in accordance with the regulations and norms established in Appendix 1 to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP) (Geneva, September 1, 1970) which entered in force on November 21, 1976.

IV. Main Documents Necessary for Eligibility of Testing Isothermal Equipment of Vehicles for Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs

4.1. In order for isothermal equipment of vehicles used for carriage of perishable foodstuffs to be eligible for testing, the following documents are to be furnished:

- Copy of the passport of the driver (carrier);
- Copy of the technical passport of the vehicle;

- Technical documents of the equipment to be tested (refrigerators, cooling chambers, etc.).

V. Procedures and Terms for Certificate Issuance

5.1. After finalisation of testing the specialised vehicle and special equipment, vehicle owners are issued a special certificate (*Appendix 1*).

5.2. According to the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan, for each type of vehicles or technology, a separate certificate is issued which is valid for five years. If the rolling stock consists of a car and a trailer (or a semi trailer), separate certificates and check cards are issued for each of them (*Appendix 2*).

5.3. Certificates and check cards are printed in a typography in accordance with samples approved by the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Tajikistan. The size of a check card accompanying a certificate is 140 x 100 cm.

5.4. Each certificate is accompanied with a check cards valid for one year. After testing of a vehicle, a new heck card is issued, and the old one is returned to the archive of the laboratory.

5.5. For each equipment or vehicle tested, validity term of certificates are established which are shown in the specialised reference books (*Appendix 3*).

5.6. Specialised reference books, according to clause 5.4 of the present Regulation, are developed by the Project Implementation Group of the Scientific Research and Project Institute under the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Tajikistan (*Appendix No 4*).

5.7. Certificate owner has no right to transfer the certificate to a third party.

5.8. Certificate owners will be provided with special reference books (clause 5.4) for information and compliance with the norms and requirements on using the certificates received.

5.9. After the certificates and accompanying cards expire, they are to be returned to the Laboratories, and the isothermal equipment of the vehicles is to be tested again. In case of compliance, new certificates and check cards are issued.

5.10. Isothermal equipment of vehicles for carriage of perishable foodstuffs which has no certificate at all or no valid certificate shall not be eligible for carriage of perishable foodstuffs.

VI. Certification Payment Rates

6.1. The services of the laboratories for testing of vehicles for carriage of perishable foodstuffs (tests and issuance of certificates) are to be paid for by owners of the equipment or vehicles.

The payment for certificates is calculated in accordance with the scope of work based on the approved rates.

Certification payment rates are developed by the laboratory staff based on the exact calculations and approved by the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Tajikistan upon approval of the Antimonopoly Committee of the Republic of Tajikistan (*Appendix 5*).

The rates for the Laboratory services are established based on the scope of work, complexity, time it took and capacity of the vehicles.

6.2. In case if the equipment is not in compliance with the requirements, a certificate is not issued, however the services will be charged for.

6.3. The rates are denominated in the foreign currency, however payment is to be done in the national currency in accordance with the conversion rate of US dollars established by the National bank on the day of payment.

6.4. Depending on the inflation rate, the tariffs can be revised in accordance with the procedures described in clause 6.1.

6.5. The proceeds from certification after payment of taxes shall be used to pay salaries to the laboratory staff, purchasing of modern equipment, development and improvement of the Laboratory and improvement of working conditions.

VII. Laboratory Structure

7.1. Laboratories are established according to the clause 3.1 of Chapter 3 of the present Regulation based on the border Terminals. A Laboratory is not an independent legal or physical entity.

VIII. Registration of Special Vehicles and Equipment in the Testing Laboratory

8.1. Special vehicles and equipment used for carriage of perishable goods and provided to the laboratory for testing are to be registered.

For the purposes of registration, the vehicles and their equipment are registered in the specialised register which documents major information about them. The information about testing of isothermal equipment is also entered into a computer.

IX. Making Amendments and Changes to the Regulation

9.1. Amendments and changes to the present Regulation are to be made based on the proposal of AVVAT Association under the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Tajikistan.