



INSTITUT INTERNATIONAL DU FROID
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF REFRIGERATION

CERTE

IIR Sub-Commission of D2 Commission Refrigerated Transport

CERTE systematically organizes a **yearly technical meeting** in order to **harmonize practices of official ATP test stations** in charge of ATP laboratories, recognized by the UNECE and the Working Party (WP11) in charge of the ATP agreement (Agreement on the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs and on the special equipment to be used for such carriage).

This Sub-Commission has a representation in WP11 in the name of the IIR and presents IIR recommendations at every session. Also, if required, ATP amendment propositions previously discussed by official tests stations or having obtained a technical consensus, been validated and sent to the UNECE WP11 Secretariat by the Director General of the IIR.

Thanks to CERTE, an IIR Commission D2 Sub-Commission, the IIR was able to contribute to new version of the ATP Agreement which became effective on 30 September 2015.

The objectives of CERTE are to:

- study and propose methods and procedures for the performance assessment of refrigerated or insulated transport vehicles and to exchange information;
- increase of recognition of test reports on insulated and refrigerated vehicle performance amongst IIR members in line with the ATP agreement and its requirements;
- provide advice and recommendations, formulated by the IIR, to the UNECE's inland transport committee and to Working Party 11 regarding Annex 1 of the ATP agreement;
- encourage the harmonization of testing and certification procedures and standards;
- encourage the publication of information through the IIR;
- represent the IIR at events dealing with the ATP agreement, especially the meeting organized by UNECE.

The Chairperson of CERTE is **Thomas Suquet**.

How to become member of CERTE

Members of the Sub-Commission are:

- Managers, Engineers and Technicians of the official test stations equipped with laboratory and testing facilities and recognized by UNECE. A full list can be downloaded [here](#).
- Representatives of research institutions directly involved in the testing or design of vehicles dedicated to the transport of perishable foodstuffs
- Experts whose knowledge of the subject will benefit the Sub-Commission
- Invited observers from *Transfrigoroute International (TI)* which signed an agreement with the IIR.

Members are expected to be either national experts designated by their country, individuals or representatives of corporate members of the IIR. They can be can be nominated by the Sub-Commission and should be unanimously approved by the President, Vice Presidents of Commission D2, and the President of Section D Storage and Transport of the IIR.

A history of CERTE

CERTE was created in Vienna in 2004. Since then, this Sub-Commission named “Sub-Commission D2 CERTE on Test Stations (Refrigerated Transport)” has been recognized as the main representative forum of test stations working towards the implementation of the Agreement on the “International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage” (ATP) testing.