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## STEF AWARDED THE “OBJECTIF CO<sub>2</sub>” LABEL

**The CO<sub>2</sub> labeling committee has this summer awarded the eco-friendly « Objectif CO<sub>2</sub> » label to the French transport network of STEF Group. This rewards STEF Group for a 20% reduction in its greenhouse gas emissions between 2009 and 2014.**

Obtaining the « Objectif CO<sub>2</sub> » label is a further achievement for STEF, one of the first companies to commit to the «CO<sub>2</sub> Objectif Charter» in 2008. Since then, STEF has three times reiterated its commitment, as recently as in December 2015 and 2017.

This label distinguishes companies that have reduced their carbon footprint. It is given on the basis of an independent audit conducted to verify data and the level of environmental performance. Its measurement is based on the HBEFA (*The Handbook Emission Factors for Road Transport*) European standard that takes into account data on French vehicles on the road.

« Objectif CO<sub>2</sub> » is a Greenhouse gas emissions reduction program, based on two complementary approaches:

- an improvement process relying on the continuity and strengthening of a voluntary commitment to the «Objectif CO<sub>2</sub> Charter ».
- a performance approach, for the awarding of the label, that highlights companies' achievements regarding their environmental performance.

In this context, the AFT (Association of Transport Federations) sets up a network of advisers across the country to gratuitously mobilize, inform and help transport companies implementing an « Objectif CO<sub>2</sub> » program, commit to the « Objectif CO<sub>2</sub> » charter or collect more information on environmental issues.

This program is supported by the Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Marine, in collaboration with the French Environment & Energy Management Agency (ADEME) and AFT, as well as with the professional associations of the industry (FNTR, FNTV, OTRE, TLF et UNOSTRA), and receives funds provided by the TOTAL Group under the system of Energy Saving certificates (CEE).

### **About the Objectif CO<sub>2</sub> Charter / Transporters pledge**

« Objectif CO<sub>2</sub> : transporters pledge », the framework of voluntary commitments by road hauling companies is a concrete program aiming at reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the main greenhouse gas responsible for climate change. This program was designed at the national level by the Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Marine affairs, and by the French Environment & Energy Management Agency (ADEME), in partnership with the associations of the transport industry.

## About - [www.stef.com](http://www.stef.com)

STEF is the European specialist for cold logistics (-25°C to +18°C). STEF masters and brings together all transport, logistics and I.T. skills dedicated to raw and transformed food products. STEF has a multi-service offer of logistics solutions well suited to the business and specific requirements of its customers: manufacturers (micro-companies, SMBs and large companies), retailers (mass retailers, wholesalers) restaurants (chains and contract catering). STEF has 16,000 employees in 7 European countries: Belgium, France, Holland, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland. STEF can rely on a specialized infrastructure: 219 platforms and warehouses, 1,900 vehicles and 1,950 refrigerated trailers). Group income for 2015 reached €2,826 million.

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