

The International Table Tennis Federation  
**How to get ITTF approval for a table**  
**Technical Leaflet T1**

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In its Technical Leaflet T1 « The table » the ITTF has set up rigorous specifications for tables to be used at table tennis top events worldwide. They meet international safety standards, define the requirements for a predictable bounce and, finally, take care of a good presentation and describe the ITTF regulations on advertising.

New tables or changes on existing tables always must be submitted for approval to the ITTF Equipment Committee. Testing of tables may be achieved in ITTF accredited laboratories, either in China (Shanghai) or in Germany.

In order to get approval for a table or for changes on an ITTF-approved table, the following steps may be followed. Once the table approved and after payment of an ITTF approval fee, as invoiced, the table may be advertised and commercialised as "ITTF approved" and bear the ITTF logo.

## **New tables**

1. Inform the Equipment Committee's specialist (Mr. Paul Schiltz: [paul.schiltz@eursc.org](mailto:paul.schiltz@eursc.org)) and the ITTF Headquarters (see address above) about your intention. Indicate the name and the colour(s) of the table as well as the testing institute that you prefer.
2. Ship, free of any charge and declared as "sample for inspection, no commercial value" a 50x100cm sample of the tabletop for each colour to  
Mr. Paul SCHILTZ Ecole européenne Luxembourg II  
1 rue R. Coudenhove-Kalergi L-1359 LUXEMBOURG-Kirchberg
3. Mail to the same address the green-blue original "Parts List" and include all required photos, documents and drawings.
4. Pay the testing fee as required by ITTF Headquarters.
5. Ship a complete table, declared "for testing" and designed as you will market it, to the ITTF Testing Institute whose address will be given to you by the Equipment Committee. All costs and taxes must be paid in advance. All correspondence with the testing laboratory only passes through the ITTF Equipment Committee.
6. Immediately after shipping the table, fax the bill of landing or other importation documents to Mr. Paul SCHILTZ Fax +352 448984. (*This point 6 is only relevant if the table is imported to China or to the European Union from outside.*)

As soon as the results are available, they are transmitted to the company together with the comments of the ITTF Equipment Committee. Approval may be given, improving may be required before approval, or approval may not be given.

## **Tables currently approved by ITTF under another name**

If a table, currently approved by ITTF, is to be marketed **unchanged** under another name by another supplier, the approval procedure is reduced to the steps 1, 2 and 3 of the new tables.

Additionally the Equipment Committee needs to have a letter from the manufacturers stating that

*" The table (name) ... is the same than the table (name) ..., presently on the list of the ITTF-approved tables. In particular, we certify that the table has the same finish of the top*

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*and the same attachment system to the frame and undercarriage. The table will be produced with the same care as the pre-named approved table."*

Such unchanged table normally does not need to be tested.

## **Changes on tested or approved tables**

**All** changes must be notified to and authorized by the Equipment Committee's specialist, who may require additional information or enforce an inspection or test at the supplier's costs. Changes that may affect the bounce and the safety always require testing.