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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ ON RULES FOR THE CARRIAGE OF FROZEN AND DEEP FROZEN PRODUCTS TO AND FROM ITALY IN EQUIPMENT WITH THIN LATERAL PARTITIONS

The Contracting Parties, pursuant to article 7 of the Agreement on the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs and on the special equipment to be used for such carriage (ATP), done at Geneva on 1 September 1970,²

Desirous of improving the conditions of preservation of the quality of perishable foodstuffs during their carriage, in order to maintain the temperatures mentioned in annex 2 of ATP, particularly in international trade,

Considering the improvement in the conditions of carriage in equipment with thin lateral partitions,

Have agreed as follows for the carriage of frozen and deep frozen foodstuffs, to and from Italy, in vehicles with thin lateral partitions, from 1 April to 31 October.

SCOPE

Article 1. The equipment shall be considered to have thin partitions if the total thickness of one of its lateral partitions is less than 45 mm;

The following technical and operating conditions shall apply to all equipment with thin lateral partitions used for the carriage of frozen or deep frozen foodstuffs (class C or F vehicles) and loaded to ensure the maximum utilization of the body's internal width.

TECHNICAL CONDITIONS

Article 2. Such equipment must be fitted with:

A screen or partition installed at the front of the body, or an equivalent solution shall be adopted to ensure the most satisfactory circulation of air in order to avoid any short circuit between the air inlet and air outlet;

For equipment with an internal length of more than eight metres and with top-mounted air ducts, the air shall be distributed in the following proportions:

—(20+/-5)% at the front,

—(50+/-10)% at 1/3,

—(30+/-5)% at 3/4 of the internal length of the body.

¹ Came into force on 18 June 1987, i.e., seven months after the date on which five States members of the ATP had signed it definitively or deposited an instrument of ratification or accession with the Government of Italy, in accordance with article 6:

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of definitive signature (s) or of deposit of the instrument of ratification</i>
Denmark	18 November 1986 <i>s</i>
Finland	21 October 1986 <i>s</i>
France	24 June 1986 <i>s</i>
Italy	28 August 1986
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	10 October 1986 <i>s</i>

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1028, p. 121.

This distribution of air may be achieved with air-circulation vents in the ceiling or any other equivalent system;

The refrigerating appliance shall have continuous ventilation ensuring a circulation rate at least 40 times the volume of the empty body per hour when the required temperature is reached and at least 60 times at maximum capacity;

The refrigerating appliance should have an effective refrigerating capacity at temperature between -25°C and $+30^{\circ}\text{C}$ not less than 1.45 times the insulating capacity of the body at the same temperatures, in order to ensure a service life of at least six years.

OPERATING CONDITIONS

Article 3. The thermostat shall be set to at least 5°C below the maximum permissible temperature during carriage for the most perishable product in the cargo;

The refrigerating unit must provide for continuous ventilation;

Any direct contact between the cargo and the thin lateral partitions must be prevented by the use of appropriate fixed or removable devices;

The equipment shall be loaded in such a way that air circulates mainly around the entire cargo, which shall be as compact as possible.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 4. For equipment in service and for new equipment fitted with components designed before the date of entry into force of this Agreement:

With regard to the equipment's circulation rate: a rate of at least 40 times the volume of the empty body an hour shall be accepted for a period of six years from the date of entry into force of this Agreement;

With regard to the effective refrigerating capacity of the units: it shall be sufficient if the effective refrigerating capacity at temperatures between -20°C and $+30^{\circ}\text{C}$ is not less than 2.1 times the insulating capacity of the body at the same temperatures.

Class FRC or FRF equipment in service at the time of the entry into force of this Agreement shall be accepted for a period of six years following the initial entry into service of the equipment.

IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT

Article 5. Compliance with the construction specifications defined in articles 2 and/or 4 shall be certified by the competent authority of the country of registration or registry.

The distinguishing mark (°°°) shall be affixed to the equipment below the marks referred to in annex 1, appendix 4, of the ATP. The same mark shall be affixed to the ATP certificate of compliance and, where appropriate, to the ATP certification plate.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 6. This Agreement shall enter into force seven months after five ATP member States have signed it without any reservation concerning ratification or have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession with the Italian Government.

This Agreement shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations who shall transmit it to the Contracting Parties of the ATP Agreement which are not signatories of this Agreement.

Article 7. Each Contracting Party may denounce this Agreement by notifying the Italian Government through the diplomatic channel.

The denunciation shall take effect six months following the date on which the Italian Government receives the notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Paris on 24 June 1986, in the French language.

For the Government of the Italian Republic:

[ACHILLE VINCI GIACCHI]

For the Government of the French Republic:

[JACQUES ANDREANI]

For the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany:

For the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium:

For the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark:

[NIELS BOEL]

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

[Mr. BRIDGES]

For the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands:

For the Government of the Republic of Finland:

[MIKKO PYHALA]
