

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

of December 1, 1954, as modified on September 2, 1967
and August 28, 1971
replacing the

CONVENTION OF JUNE 21, 1920

concerning the
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF REFRIGERATION

The Governments of the Member Countries of the International Institute of Refrigeration;

Whereas the science of low temperatures is constantly developing thus opening new prospects of progress and human welfare;

Whereas the uses of refrigeration are being extended to new fields;

Whereas the exchange of perishable foodstuffs among the nations of the world is increasing thus permitting more effective international solidarity on matters of nutrition but making necessary the extended use of refrigeration for the treatment and preservation of these foodstuffs;

Considering that the Convention of 21st June 1920, as modified on 31st May 1937, creating the International Institute of Refrigeration does not completely correspond to the new scientific and technical demands arising from this situation* nor to present-day economic conditions;

have agreed as follows:

SECTION I

AIM-TITLE-SEAT-FUNCTIONS

ARTICLE I

Aim, title, seat

1. The Contracting Parties resolve to collaborate closely in the study of scientific and technical problems relating to refrigeration and in the development of the uses of refrigeration which improve the living conditions of mankind.

2. To this end, they undertake to maintain and support the International Institute of Refrigeration hereinafter referred to as the "Institute" of which the seat is in Paris.

ARTICLE II

Functions

The objectives of the Institute, in respect of all matters relating to the study, production and use of refrigeration in the international field, are the following:

a) to further in the different Member Countries the development of scientific research and promote technical and economical studies on the national and international level;

b) to collect scientific, technical and economic information and documents as well as texts of laws and regulations;

c) to further the teaching and popularisation of science and technology;

d) to publish such studies and documents the issue of which may be useful; -

e) to further the development of the uses of refrigeration particularly in the field of food and agriculture, in industry and in the domain of health and hygiene;

f) to make recommendations to Governments or international Organisations, and in particular, to propose measures for the improvement and unification of laws and regulations;

g) to keep in touch with the interested national and international bodies with a view to carrying out its programme of activities;

h) to organise International Congresses;

i) and, in general, to take all steps aimed at promoting the principle and uses of refrigeration.

SECTION II

MEMBERS

ARTICLE III

Member Countries, admission to membership

The Institute is comprised of the following Member Countries which enjoy the rights and which are subject to the obligations laid down by this Agreement:

a) The Contracting Parties;

b) The Territories the Contracting Parties notify at the time of signature of the present Agreement and which appear in the appended list;

c) Countries which are not parties to the present Agreement if such Countries accede to this Agreement and if their admission is accepted by the Executive Committee;

d) Territories not included in the appended list, if notified to the Institute by the Contracting Party responsible for their international relations and if their admission is accepted by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Categories of Member Countries

1; In order to enable Member Countries to participate in the Institute according to the extent of their economic activity and the interest which they have in the problems of refrigeration, provision has been made for six categories of Member Countries. These categories are mainly characterised by the amount of the financial contribution, by the number of votes and by the number of publications received free of charge.

2. Each Member Country decides the category in which it wishes to be placed.

ARTICLE V

Withdrawal, change of category

Each Member Country has the right to withdraw from the Institute or to be placed in a lower category by giving notice of at least one year. Transfer into a higher category may be made at any time on payment of the appropriate supplementary contribution.

ARTICLE VI

Transfer of rights and obligations to a competent association or organisation

Member Countries may, upon their own responsibility, transfer all or some of their rights and obligations in respect of the Institute to a competent association or organisation.

ARTICLE VII

Liaison with National Groups

Each Member Country shall endeavour to associate with the work of the Institute, the principal scientific, technical,