

ARTICLE 3

The Institute, confining its activities to the international sphere, has for its principal objects:—

(1) The promotion of the knowledge of the science and practice of refrigeration, and also the development and popularization of scientific or technical studies, and researches conducted in this sphere;

(2) The promotion of the study of improved solutions of questions dealing with the preservation, transport and distribution of perishable commodities;

(3) The circulation of information, stating the source of the information published, respecting the world situation of refrigerated commodities, from the three points of view of production, circulation and consumption;

(4) The co-ordination, with a view to publication of all scientific, technical and economic information and documents relating to the production and utilization of refrigeration;

(5) The collection, in order to study them, of the laws, regulations and information of every kind concerning the refrigeration industry, and the submission, if necessary, for the approval of the Governments of measures tending to the improvement and unification of the regulations respecting the international circulation of products susceptible of benefitting from the application of refrigeration;

(6) To organize international congresses of refrigeration;

(7) To keep in constant touch with the scientific and professional bodies interested, with a view to ensure the carrying out of its scheme of activities.

All questions which concern the economic interests, the legislation and the administration of a particular State, are excluded from the scope of the International Institute of Refrigeration.

ARTICLE 4

The International Institute of Refrigeration is placed under the authority and control of a general Conference comprising representatives nominated by the members of the Institute. Members which do not wish to nominate official representatives may arrange with the International Institute of Refrigeration for a competent group which shall represent their countries instead of and in their place.

The number of representatives of each State in the general Conference is that fixed by Article 9 of the present Convention, which settles the share of the members in the expenses of the Institute. Members of the Conference who are unable to attend a meeting have the right to give their proxy to one of their colleagues in the Conference.

The general Conference will meet at least every four years. Its President is elected by majority vote for a term of five years corresponding to each of the five year periods provided for in Article 10.

ARTICLE 5

The executive authority of the International Institute of Refrigeration is entrusted to an Executive Committee which, under the direction and control of the general Conference, will carry out its resolutions and draw up proposals for submission to it.

The Executive Committee consists of members nominated by the competent authorities of the members of the Institute. Each of such members will be represented on the Committee by one person.