

AGREEMENT REPLACING THE CONVENTION OF JUNE 21, 1920 AS MODIFIED
ON MAY 31, 1937,* 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 21 June, 1920, as modified on 31 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 economic 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;

* Canada Treaty Series 1938, No. 23.