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AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP)

GENEVA, 1 SEPTEMBER 1970

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES 1 AND 3 OF THE AGREEMENT

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 10 March 2003, the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) transmitted to the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 18 (1) of the above Agreement, a proposal of amendments to Annexes 1 and 3 of the Agreement which were adopted at its fifty-eighth session held in Geneva from 11 to 14 November 2002.

The texts of the proposed amendments are contained in the report of the session (TRANS/WP.11/206), which can be accessed on the website for the Transport Division of the UNECE at the following address: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/wp11rep.html.

The Secretary-General wishes to refer to article 18 (1) and (2) which provide that:

“1. Any Contracting Party may propose one or more amendments to this Agreement. The text of any proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall communicate it to all Contracting Parties and bring it to the notice of all other States referred to in article 9, paragraph 1, of this Agreement. The Secretary-General may also propose amendments to this Agreement or to its Annexes which have been transmitted to him by the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe.

2. Within a period of six months following the date on which the proposed amendment is communicated by the Secretary-General, any Contracting Party may inform the Secretary-General

(a) that it has an objection to the amendments proposed, or

(b) that, although it intends to accept the proposal, the conditions necessary for such acceptance are not yet fulfilled in its country.”

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Any amendment to the above Agreement deemed to be accepted under the provisions of article 18 (5) shall enter into force, in accordance with article 18 (6), six months after the date on which it was deemed to be accepted.

12 March 2003