

**22. AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE  
FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH  
CARRIAGE (ATP)<sup>1</sup>**

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appendix 4); C.N.63.2001.TREATIES-1 of 15 February 2001 (proposal of amendments to annex 1, appendices 2 and 3) and C.N.651.2002.TREATIES-2 of 20 June 2002 (acceptance); C.N.106.2002.TREATIES-1 of 7 February 2002 (Proposal of amendments to annex 1, appendix 1) and C.N.363.2003.TREATIES-4 of 7 May 2003 (acceptance); C.N.228.2003.TREATIES-2 of 12 March 2003 (Proposal of amendments to annexes 1 and 3) and C.N.616.2004.TREATIES-1 of 15 June 2004 (Acceptance of amendments to Annexes 1 and 3); C.N.1535.2003.TREATIES-7 of 19 December 2003 (Proposal of amendments to Annex 1, Appendix 2) and C.N.646.2004.TREATIES-1 of 21 June 2004 (Acceptance of amendments to Annex 1, Appendix 2); C.N.138.2008.TREATIES-1 of 6 March 2008 (Proposal of amendments to the Agreement) and C.N.357.2009.TREATIES-2 of 11 June 2009 (Acceptance of the amendments to the Agreement); C.N.191.2009.TREATIES-1 of 2 April 2009 (Proposal of amendments to Annex I of the ATP) and C.N.522.2009.TREATIES-3 of 26 August 2009 (Proposal of corrections to the proposed amendments to Annex I of the ATP) and C.N.853.2009.TREATIES-5 of 1 December 2009 (Corrections to the proposed amendments to Annex I of the ATP) and C.N.430.2010.TREATIES-3 of 12 July 2010 (Acceptance of Amendments to the Agreement); C.N.181.2010.TREATIES-1 of 22 March 2010 (Proposal of correction to Annex 1, Appendix 2 of the Agreement) and C.N.398.2010.TREATIES.2 of 23 June 2010 (Correction to Annex 1, Appendix 2 of the Agreement); C.N.572.2010.TREATIES-4 of 20 September 2010 (Proposal of correction to Annex 1, Appendix 2 of the Agreement) and C.N.777.2010.TREATIES-5 of 21 December 2010 (Correction to Annex 1, Appendix 2 of the Agreement); C.N.67.2011.TREATIES-1 of 11 February 2011 (Proposal of amendments to the Annexes to the ATP) and C.N.260.2012.TREATIES-XI.B.22 (Acceptance of amendments to the Agreement); C.N.759.2011.TREATIES-3 of 28 November 2011 (Proposal of corrections to article 2 and Annex 1, Appendix 3A of the Agreement) and C.N.92.2012.TREATIES-1 of 27 February 2012 (Corrections to article 2 and Annex 1, Appendix 3A of the Agreement); C.N.807.2011.TREATIES-8 of 23 December 2011 (Proposal of amendments to Annex I to the ATP) and C.N.203.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 27 March 2013 (Acceptance); C.N.127.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 4 February 2013 (Proposal of correction to Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 2.2.4 B) of the ATP) and C.N.267.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 15 May 2013 (Correction to Annex 1, Appendix 2, paragraph 2.2.4 B) of the ATP); C.N.142.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 13 February 2013 (Proposal of amendments to the Annexes to the ATP) and C.N.254.2014.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 16 May 2014 (Acceptance of amendments to Annexes to the ATP); C.N.1049.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 31 December 2013 (Proposal of amendments to Annex I) and C.N.253.2015.Reissued.20042015.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 20 April 2015 (Acceptance); C.N.1.2014.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 2 January 2014 (Proposal of corrections to Annex 1, Appendices 2 and 3) and C.N.208.2014.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 15 April 2014 (Corrections); C.N.181.2015.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 19 March 2015 (Proposal of amendments) and C.N.510.2016.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 19 July 2016 (Acceptance of Amendments, except for amendments to annex 1, appendix 2 paragraph 3.2.6); C.N.128.2016.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 6 April 2016 (Proposal of corrections to Annexes I and II) and C.N.497.2016.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 13 July 2016 (Corrections); C.N.135.2016.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 6 April 2016 (Proposal of amendments to Annex 1, Appendix 2) and C.N.401.2017.Reissued.20072017.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 17 July 2017 (Acceptance); C.N.54.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 8 February 2017 (Proposal of correction to Annex 1, appendix 2) and C.N.267.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 15 May 2017 (Correction); C.N.58.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 8 February 2017 (Proposal of amendments to Annex 1, appendix 2) and C.N.244.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 16 May 2018 (Acceptance of Amendments); C.N.70.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 6 February 2018 (Proposal of corrections to Annex 1, appendix 2) and C.N.240.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 14 May 2018 (Corrections); C.N.18.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 30 January 2019 (Proposal of corrections to Annex 1) and C.N.159.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 10 May 2019 (Corrections); C.N.19.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 31 January 2019 (Proposal of amendments) and C.N.5.2020.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 8 January 2020 (Acceptance of amendments); C.N.79.2021.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 4 March 2021 (Proposal of amendments to the ATP and its annexes) and C.N.396.2021.Reissued.17122021.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 16 December 2021 (Acceptance of amendments); C.N.80.2021.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 4 March 2021 (Proposal of corrections to Annex 1) and C.N.159.2021.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 7 June 2021 (Corrections); C.N.30.2023.TREATIES-XI.B.22 of 3 February 2023 (Proposal of amendments).

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Albania.....		26 Jan 2005 a	Andorra.....		14 Jul 2008 a

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Armenia .....		25 Jan 2022 a	Montenegro <sup>7</sup> .....		23 Oct 2006 d
Austria .....	28 May 1971	1 Mar 1977	Morocco.....		5 Mar 1981 a
Azerbaijan.....		8 May 2000 a	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>8</sup> .....	28 May 1971	30 Nov 1978
Belarus .....		3 Aug 2001 a	North Macedonia <sup>2</sup> .....		20 Dec 1999 d
Belgium .....		1 Oct 1979 a	Norway .....		14 Jul 1979 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>2</sup> .....		12 Jan 1994 d	Poland .....		5 May 1983 a
Bulgaria .....		26 Jan 1978 a	Portugal.....	28 May 1971	15 Aug 1988
Croatia <sup>2</sup> .....		3 Aug 1992 d	Republic of Moldova.....		11 Sep 2007 a
Czech Republic <sup>3</sup> .....		2 Jun 1993 d	Romania.....		22 Apr 1999 a
Denmark .....		22 Nov 1976 a	Russian Federation .....		10 Sep 1971 a
Estonia .....		6 Feb 1998 a	San Marino .....		17 May 2016 a
Finland .....		15 May 1980 a	Saudi Arabia .....		13 Jan 2015 a
France <sup>4</sup> .....		1 Mar 1971 s	Serbia <sup>2</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d
Georgia .....		30 Nov 1998 a	Slovakia <sup>3</sup> .....		28 May 1993 d
Germany <sup>5,6</sup> .....	4 Feb 1971	8 Oct 1974	Slovenia <sup>2</sup> .....		6 Aug 1993 d
Greece.....		1 Apr 1992 a	Spain .....		24 Apr 1972 a
Hungary .....		4 Dec 1987 a	Sweden.....		13 Dec 1978 a
Iran (Islamic Republic of).....		2 Dec 2021 a	Switzerland.....	28 May 1971	
Ireland.....		22 Mar 1988 a	Tajikistan .....		28 Dec 2011 a
Italy.....	28 May 1971	30 Sep 1977	Tunisia .....		3 Apr 2007 a
Kazakhstan.....		17 Jul 1995 a	Türkiye.....		21 Dec 2012 a
Kyrgyzstan.....		22 Oct 2012 a	Ukraine .....		25 Jul 2007 a
Latvia.....		6 Feb 2003 a	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....		5 Oct 1979 a
Lithuania.....		28 Apr 2000 a	United States of America.....		20 Jan 1983 a
Luxembourg.....	25 May 1971	9 May 1978	Uzbekistan .....		11 Jan 1999 a
Monaco .....		24 Oct 2001 a			

### **Declarations and Reservations**

**(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon definitive signature, ratification, accession or succession. For objections thereto, see hereinafter.)**

#### **BULGARIA<sup>9</sup>**

The People's Republic of Bulgaria declares that article 9, which entitles only States members of the Economic Commission for Europe to become Parties to the Agreement, is discriminatory. The People's Republic of Bulgaria also declares that article 14, pursuant to which a State may declare that the Agreement will also be applicable to territories for the international relations of which that State is responsible, is contrary to the General Assembly's Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples of 14 December 1960.

#### **CZECH REPUBLIC<sup>3</sup>**

##### **HUNGARY**

"[The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic] does not consider itself bound by article 15, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Agreement."

##### **POLAND<sup>10</sup>**

##### **RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 15, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Agreement relating to the mandatory submission to arbitration, at the request of one

of the Parties, of any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Agreement.

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics deems it necessary to state that the provisions of article 9 of the Agreement, which limit the circle of possible participants to this Agreement, are of a discriminatory character, and states that, in accordance with the principles of sovereign equality among States, the Agreement should be opened for participation by all European States without any discrimination or restriction;

The provisions of article 14 of the Agreement under which Contracting Parties may extend its applicability to

territories for the international relations of which they are responsible, are outmoded and contrary to the Declaration of the United Nations General Assembly on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960).

SLOVAKIA<sup>3</sup>

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"The Agreement does not apply to carriage in the United States of America and its territories."

### **Objections**

*(Unless otherwise indicated, the objections were received upon definitive signature, ratification, accession or succession.)*

FRANCE

[The French Government] considers that only European States can formulate the declaration provided for in article 10 with respect to carriage performed in territories situated outside Europe.

It therefore raises an objection to the declaration by the Government of the United States of America and, consequently, declares that it will not be bound by the ATP Agreement in its relations with the United States of America.

ITALY

[ Same objection as under France. ]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

21 September 1984

"The United States considers that under the clear language of article 10 [of the Agreement], as confirmed by the negotiating history, any State party to the Agreement may file a declaration under that article. The United States therefore considers that the objections of Italy and France and the declarations that those nations will not be bound by the Agreement in their relations with the United States are unwarranted and regrettable. The United States reserves its rights with regard to this matter and proposes that the parties continue to attempt cooperatively to resolve the issue."

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### **Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Although listed in this chapter for reasons of convenience, this agreement is not limited to transport by road.

<sup>2</sup> The former Yugoslavia had acceded to the Agreement on 21 November 1975. See also note 1 under "Bosnia and Herzegovina", "Croatia", "former Yugoslavia", "Slovenia", "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and "Yugoslavia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>3</sup> Czechoslovakia had acceded to the Convention on 13 April 1982, with a reservation and a declaration. For the text of the reservation and the declaration, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, 1272, p. 439. See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>4</sup> The Agreement was first signed without reservation as to ratification by the French Plenipotentiary on 20 January 1971. The signature affixed on 1 March 1971 signifies the approval of the text of the Agreement as corrected in accordance with the decision taken by the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe at its thirtieth session (1 to 4 February 1971).

<sup>5</sup> See note 1 under "Germany" regarding Berlin (West) in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>6</sup> The German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Agreement on 14 April 1981 with a reservation and a declaration. For the text of the reservation and the declaration, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1223, p. 419. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>7</sup> See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>8</sup> For the Kingdom in Europe.

<sup>9</sup> In a notification received on 6 May 1994, the Government of Bulgaria notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to withdraw the reservation made upon accession to article 15 (2) and (3). For the text of the reservation, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1066, p. 347.

<sup>10</sup> On 16 October 1997, the Government of Poland notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to withdraw its reservation with regard to article 15, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Agreement made upon accession. For the text of the reservation see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1314, p. 287.

