

No. 15121. AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP). CONCLUDED AT GENEVA ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1970<sup>1</sup>

ENTRY INTO FORCE of the amendments to annex 3 of the above-mentioned Agreement

The following amendments were proposed by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and circulated by the Secretary-General on 21 August 1984. They came into force on 20 July 1985, in accordance with article 18 (6) of the Agreement:

ANNEX 3

(a) *Temperature Conditions for the Carriage of Certain Chilled Foodstuffs*

In accordance with, and subject to the provisions of article 4, the highest temperature at any point in the load on loading, during carriage and on unloading shall not be higher than that indicated below for each foodstuff.

In order to achieve this, it is essential that loading is carried out in such a way that when loaded the temperature of all the foodstuffs is not warmer than that specified.

The doors of the transport equipment must never be opened during transit, i.e. by countries other than the country of destination, to inspect product temperature. However, if the equipment has to be opened for other purposes, it should be under temperature-controlled conditions.

If, at the frontier of the importing country, certain controls are required to fulfil national obligations, these should be carried out with the minimum of delay having regard to ambient conditions. Where it is necessary to open the equipment or to carry out prolonged inspections, it is essential to ensure that the foodstuffs are not exposed to conditions that may adversely affect their temperature or quality.

Upon arrival at the final destination, an initial check of product temperature may be made as soon as the doors of the transport equipment are opened, provided this does not cause any undue delay to the unloading process. Where a more detailed assessment is required, this should be carried out in the environmental conditions of the cold store.

(b) *Temperature conditions for the carriage of certain foodstuffs which are neither quick (deep)-frozen nor frozen*

After the entry "Dairy products (yoghurt, kefir, cream, and fresh cheese)", insert a footnote reference "(4)", and add the following as a footnote to Annex 3:

"(4) 'Fresh cheese' means a non-ripened (non-matured) cheese which is ready for consumption shortly after manufacture and which has a limited conservation period."

*Registered ex officio on 20 July 1985.*

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1028, p. 121, and annex A in volumes 1037, 1055, 1066, 1088, 1119, 1120, 1140, 1146, 1175, 1216, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1272, 1299, 1300, 1314, 1347 and 1369.