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## SCHEDULE

### THE TEXT OF THE CODE

#### PART ONE

#### CHAPTER I

#### DEFINITIONS

##### *Liner conference or conference*

A group of two or more vessel-operating carriers which provides international liner services for the carriage of cargo on a particular route or routes within specified geographical limits and which has an agreement or arrangement, whatever its nature, within the framework of which they operate under uniform or common freight rates and any other agreed conditions with respect to the provision of liner services.

##### *National shipping line*

A national shipping line of any given country is a vessel-operating carrier which has its head office of management and its effective control in that country and is recognized as such by an appropriate authority of that country or under the law of that country.

Lines belonging to and operated by a joint venture involving two or more countries and in whose equity the national interests, public and/or private, of those countries have a substantial share and whose head office of management and whose effective control is in one of those countries can be recognized as a national line by the appropriate authorities of those countries.

##### *Third-country shipping line*

A vessel-operating carrier in its operations between two countries of which it is not a national shipping line.

##### *Shipper*

A person or entity who has entered into, or who demonstrates an intention to enter into, a contractual or other arrangement with a conference or shipping line for the shipment of goods in which he has a beneficial interest.

##### *Shippers' organisation*

An association or equivalent body which promotes, represents and protects the interests of shippers and, if those authorities so desire, is recognized in that capacity by the appropriate authority or authorities of the country whose shippers it represents.

##### *Goods carried by the conference*

Cargo transported by shipping lines members of a conference in accordance with the conference agreement.

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*Appropriate authority*

Either a government or a body designated by a government or by national legislation to perform any of the functions ascribed to such authority by the provisions of this Code.

*Promotional freight rate*

A rate instituted for promoting the carriage of non-traditional exports of the country concerned.

*Special freight rate*

A preferential freight rate, other than a promotional freight rate, which may be negotiated between the parties concerned.

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