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NON-VESSEL-OPERATING COMMON CARRIER
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COMBINED TRANSPORT BILL OF LADING

Notwithstanding the heading "Combined Transport Bill of Lading", the provisions set out and referred to in this document shall also apply if the transport as described on the face of the Bill of Lading is performed by one mode of transport only. The most current version of the Transmodal Corporation General Terms and Conditions of Service, in effect at the time of transport described on the face of this Bill of Lading, (referred to herein as the "General Terms"), shall apply in all instances involving transport as described on the face of the Bill of Lading. Unless otherwise specified in a writing signed by an authorized agent of the Carrier, the General Terms are incorporated herein in their entirety, by reference. The most current version of the General Terms are posted on the Transmodal Corporation website at www.transmodal.net/generaltterms.html. These provisions constitute a contract between Merchant and Carrier. The terms Merchant and Carrier, as used herein are synonymous to the terms "Customer" and "Company" respectively, as defined in ¶1 of the General Terms.

(1) CLAUSE PARAMOUNT:

All carriage under this Bill of Lading to or from the United States shall have effect subject to the provisions of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act of the United States, 46 U.S.C. sections 1900-1915 (hereafter, "COGSA") and the Carriage to or from Canada shall have effect under the Carriage of Goods by Water Act of Canada ("COGWA"). All carriage to and from other States shall be governed by the law of any state making the Hague Rules or Hague-Visby Rules compulsorily applicable to this Bill of Lading or if there be no such law, in accordance with the Hague Rules. The provisions of applicable law as set forth above shall apply to carriage of goods by inland waterways and reference to carriage by sea in such Rules or legislation shall be deemed to include reference to inland waterways. Except as may be otherwise specifically provided herein, said law shall govern before the goods are loaded on and after they are discharged from the vessel whether the goods are carried on deck or under deck and throughout the entire time the goods are in the custody of Carrier. See also, General Terms, ¶4.

(2) DEFINITIONS:

2.1 "Ship" means the vessel named in this Bill of Lading, or any conveyance owned, chartered, or operated by Carrier or used by Carrier for the performance of this contract.

2.2 "Carrier" means Transmodal Corporation on whose behalf this Bill of Lading has been signed.

2.3 "Merchant" includes the Shipper, the Receiver, the Consignor, the Consignee, the Holder of this Bill of Lading and any person having a present or future interest in the goods, including but not limited to any of the above-mentioned persons, including, but not limited to those parties identified in ¶1(b) of the General Terms.

2.4 "Package" is the largest individual unit of partially or completely covered or contained cargo made up by or for the Shipper which is delivered and entrusted to Carrier, including palletized units and each container stuffed and sealed by the Shipper or on its behalf, although the Shipper may have furnished a description of the contents of such sealed container on this Bill of Lading.

2.5 "Container" includes any container, trailer, transportable tank, lift van, flat, pallet, or any similar article of transport used to consolidate goods.

2.6 "Carrier's container or carrier's equipment" includes containers or equipment owned, leased or used by Carrier in the transportation of Merchant's goods.

2.7 "Goods" means the cargo described on the face of this Bill of Lading and, if the cargo is packed into container(s) supplied or furnished by or on behalf of the Merchant, include the container(s) as well.

(3) SUBCONTRACTING:

Carrier shall be entitled to subcontract directly or indirectly on any terms the whole or any part of the handling, storage, or carriage of the goods and all duties undertaken by Carrier in relation to the goods. Every servant, agent, subcontractor (including sub-subcontractors), or other person whose services have been used to perform this contract shall be entitled to the rights, exemptions from, or limitations of, liability, defenses and immunities set forth herein. For these purposes, Carrier shall be deemed to be acting as agent or trustee for such servants, agents, subcontractors, or other persons who shall be deemed to be parties to this contract.

(4) ROUTE OF TRANSPORT:

Carrier is entitled to perform the transport in any reasonable manner and by any reasonable means, methods and routes. The Ship shall have the liberty, either with or without the goods on board, to at any time, adjust navigational instruments, make trial trips, dry dock, go to repair yards, shift berths, take in fuel or stores, embark or disembark any persons, carry contraband and hazardous goods, sail with or without pilots and save or attempt to save life or property. Delays resulting from such activities shall not be deemed a deviation from the terms of this Bill of Lading.

(5) HINDRANCES AFFECTING PERFORMANCE:

5.1 Carrier shall use reasonable endeavors to complete transport and to deliver the goods at the place designated for delivery.

5.2 If at any time the performance of this contract as evidenced by this Bill of Lading in the opinion of Carrier is or will be affected by any hindrance, risk, delay, injury, difficulty or discharge of any kind, including strike, and if by virtue of the above it has rendered or is likely to render it in any way unsafe, impracticable, unlawful, or against the interest of Carrier to complete the performance of the contract, Carrier, whether or not the transport is commenced, may without notice to Merchant elect to: (a) treat the performance of this contract as terminated and place the goods at Merchant's disposal at any place Carrier shall deem safe and convenient, or (b) deliver the goods at the place of delivery.

In any event, Carrier shall be entitled to, and Merchant shall pay, full freight for any goods received for transportation and additional compensation for extra costs and expenses resulting from the circumstances referred to above.

5.3 If, after storage, discharge, or any actions according to sub-part 5.2 above Carrier makes arrangements to store and/or forward the goods, it is agreed that Carrier shall do so only as agent for and at the sole risk and expense of Merchant without any liability whatsoever in respect of such agency.

5.4 Carrier, in addition to all other liberties provided for in this Article, shall have liberty to comply with orders, directions, regulations or suggestions as to navigation or the carriage of the goods or the ship whatsoever given, by any actual or purported government or public authority, or by any committee or person having under the terms of any insurance on the Ship, the right to give such order, direction, regulation, or suggestion. If by reason of any act or omission of Carrier, or of any government, authority, or suggestions, anything is done or is not done the same shall be deemed to be included within the contract of carriage and shall not be a deviation from the terms of this Bill of Lading.

(6) BASIC LIABILITY:

6.1 Subject to Disclaimers and Limitations of Liability contained in ¶4 of the General Terms, and all other conditions governing Carrier liability set forth in the General Terms, Carrier shall be liable for loss of or damage to the goods occurring between the time when it takes goods into its custody and the time of delivery but shall not be liable for any consequential or special damages arising from such loss or damage.

6.2 If it is established that the loss of or damage to the goods occurred during sea carriage or during carriage by land in the United States, liability shall be governed by the legal rules applicable as provided in Section 1 of this Bill of Lading and the applicable provisions of the General Terms.

6.3 Notwithstanding Section 1 of this Bill of Lading, if the loss or damage occurred outside of the United States, the liability of Carrier shall be as provided where the loss or damage occurred, the liability of Carrier in respect

of such loss or damage shall be determined by the provisions contained in any international convention or national law, which provisions:

(a) cannot be departed from by private contract to the detriment of Merchant, and
(b) would have applied if Merchant had made a separate and direct contract with Carrier in respect of the particular stage of transport where the loss or damage occurred and received as evidence thereof any particular document, which must be issued or order to make such international convention or national law applicable;

(c) where (a) or (b) above do not apply, any liability of Carrier shall be limited to the amount provided in accordance with Section 7.1 of this Bill of Lading as modified, augmented or superseded by ¶4, 5, 6 and 7 of the General Terms, in the sole discretion of the Carrier.

6.4 If it cannot be determined when the loss of or damage to the goods occurred, liability shall be governed as provided in Section 6.2 above.

6.5 Carrier shall not undertake that the goods shall be delivered at any particular time or for any particular market and shall not be liable for any direct or indirect losses caused by any delay.

6.6 Carrier shall not be liable for any loss or damage that, in the sole discretion of the Carrier, arose from:

(a) an act or omission of Merchant or person other than Carrier acting on behalf of Merchant from whom Carrier took the goods in charge,

(b) compliance with the instructions of any person authorized to give them,

(c) handling, loading, stowage or unloading of the goods by or on behalf of Merchant,

(d) inherent vice of the goods,

(e) lack of insufficiency of or defective condition of packing in the case of goods, which by their nature are liable to wastage or damage when not packed or when not properly packed,

(f) insufficiency or inadequacy of marks or numbers on the goods, coverings or unit loads,

(g) fire, unless caused by actual fault or privity of Carrier,

(h) any cause or event which Carrier could not avoid and the consequences of which he could not prevent by the exercise of due diligence.

6.7 When Carrier pays claims to Merchant, Carrier shall automatically be subrogated to all rights of Merchant against all others, including Inland Carriers, on account of the losses or damages for which such claims are paid.

6.8 The defenses and limits of liability provided for in this Bill of Lading shall apply in any action or claim against Carrier relating to the goods, or the receipt, transportation, storage or delivery thereof, whether the action be founded in contract, tort or otherwise.

(7) COMPENSATION FOR LOSS AND DAMAGE:

7.1 Unless otherwise mandated by compulsorily applicable law and subject to Disclaimers and Limitations of Liability contained in ¶4 of the General Terms, and all other conditions governing Carrier liability set forth in the General Terms, Carrier's liability for compensation for loss of or damage to goods shall in no case exceed the amount of US\$500 per package, or per customary freight unit, unless Merchant, with the consent of Carrier, has declared a higher value for the goods in the space provided on the front of this Bill of Lading and paid extra freight per Carrier's tariff, in which case such higher value shall be the limit of Carrier's liability. Any partial loss or damage shall be adjusted on the basis of the declared value. Where a container is stuffed by Shipper or on its behalf, and the container is sealed when received by Carrier for shipment, Carrier's liability will be limited to US\$500 with respect to the contents of each such container, except when the Shipper declares the value on the face hereof and pays additional charges on such declared value as stated in Carrier's tariff. The freight charged on sealed containers when no higher valuation is declared by the Shipper is based on a value of US\$500 per container. However, Carrier shall not, in any case, be liable for an amount greater than the actual loss to the person entitled to make the claim. Carrier shall have the option of replacing lost goods or repairing damaged goods.

7.2 In any case where Carrier's liability for compensation may exceed the amounts set forth in Section 7.1 above, compensation shall be calculated by reference to the value of the goods, according to their current market price, at the time and place they are delivered, or should have been delivered, in accordance with this contract.

7.3 If the value of the goods is less than US\$500 per package or per customary freight unit, their value for compensation purposes shall be deemed to be the invoice value, plus freight and insurance, if paid.

7.4 Carrier shall not be liable to any extent for any loss of or damage to or in connection with precious metals, stones, or chemicals, jewelry, currency, negotiable instruments, securities, writings, documents, works of art, curios, heirlooms, or any other valuable goods, including goods having particular value only for Merchant, unless the true nature and value of the goods have been declared in writing by Merchant before receipt of the goods by the Carrier or Inland Carrier, the same is inserted on the face of this Bill of Lading and additional freight has been paid as required.

7.5 Carrier will not arrange for insurance on the goods except upon express instructions from the Merchant and then only at Merchant's expense and presentation of a declaration of value for insurance purposes before shipment.

(8) DESCRIPTION OF GOODS AND INFORMATION FOR U.S. CUSTOMS:

Carrier is responsible for transmitting information to government agencies prior to lading of the Goods including, without limitation, precise commodity descriptions, quantity and quantity of the lowest external packaging unit, the shipper's complete name and address, the consignee's or the owner's or owner's representative's complete name and address, hazardous materials codes, and container seal numbers. For this, and other purposes, Carrier relies on information provided by Merchant in a timely fashion. Merchant warrants to Carrier that all particulars of the goods, including, without limitation, the precise descriptions, marks, number, quantity, weight, seal numbers, identities of shipper and consignee and hazardous materials codes furnished by Merchant are correct and Merchant shall indemnify Carrier against all claims, penalties, losses or damages arising from any inaccuracy or lack of timely presentation of such information.

(9) CARRIER'S CONTAINERS:

If Carrier not already packed in containers receives goods, Carrier may pack them in any type container. Merchant shall be liable to Carrier for damage to Carrier's containers or equipment if such damage occurs while such equipment is in control of Merchant or his agents. Merchant indemnifies Carrier for any damage or injury to persons or property caused by Carrier's containers or equipment during handling by or when in possession or control of Merchant.

(10) CONTAINER PACKED BY MERCHANT:

If Carrier receives the goods already packed into containers:

1. This Bill of Lading is prima facie evidence of the receipt of the particular number of containers set forth, and that number only. Carrier assumes no responsibility with respect to the order and condition of the contents of the containers;

2. Merchant warrants that the stowage and seals of the containers are safe and proper and suitable for handling and carriage and indemnifies Carrier for any injury, loss or damage caused by breach of this warranty;

3. Delivery shall be deemed as full and complete performance when the containers are delivered by Carrier with the seals intact; and

4. Carrier has the right but not the obligation to open and inspect the containers at any time without notice to Merchant, and expenses resulting from such inspections shall be borne by Merchant; and

5. Merchant shall inspect containers before stuffing them and the use of

the containers shall be prima facie evidence of their being sound and suitable for use.

(11) DANGEROUS GOODS:

11.1 Merchant may not tender goods of a dangerous nature without written application to Carrier and Carrier's acceptance of the same. In the application, Merchant must identify in writing the nature of the goods with reasonable specificity as well as the names and addresses of the shippers and consignees.

11.2 Merchant shall distinctly and permanently mark the nature of the goods on the outside of the package and container in a form and manner as required by law and shall submit to Carrier or to the appropriate authorities all necessary documents required by law or by Carrier for the transportation of such goods.

11.3 If the goods subsequently, in the sole judgment of Carrier, become a danger to the Ship or other cargo, Carrier shall dispose of the goods without compensation to Merchant and Merchant shall indemnify Carrier for any loss or expenses arising from such action.

(12) DECK CARGO:

Carrier has the right, in Carrier's sole discretion, to carry the goods in any container under deck or on deck. Carrier is not required to note "on deck stowage" on the face of this Bill of Lading and goods so carried shall constitute under deck stowage for all purposes including General Average. Except as otherwise provided by any law applicable to this contract, if this Bill of Lading states that the cargo is stowed on deck, then Carrier shall not be liable for any neglect of the packer, misdelivery, delay or loss to goods carried on deck, whether or not caused by Carrier's gross negligence or the ship's unseaworthiness.

(13) HEAVY LIFT:

13.1 Single packages with a weight exceeding 2,240 pounds gross net packages to Carrier in enclosed containers must be declared in writing by Merchant before receipt of the package by Carrier. The weight of such packages must be clearly and durably marked on the outside of the package in letters and figures not less than two inches high.

13.2 If Merchant fails to comply with the above provisions, Carrier shall not be liable for any loss of or damage to the goods, persons or property, and Merchant shall be liable for any loss of or damage to persons or property resulting from such failure and Merchant shall indemnify Carrier against any loss or liability suffered or incurred by Carrier as a result of such failure.

13.3 Merchant agrees to comply with all laws or regulations concerning overweight containers and Merchant shall indemnify Carrier against any loss or liability suffered or incurred by Carrier because of Merchant's failure to comply with such laws or regulations.

(14) DELIVERY:

Carrier shall have the right, in Carrier's sole discretion, to deliver the goods at any time at any place designated by Carrier within the commercial or geographic limits of the port of discharge or place of delivery shown in this Bill of Lading to remove the goods from the custody of delivery of the goods. With respect to goods presumably damaged in transit, while in Carrier's possession and control, and where damage is obvious, a written claim complying with the claims procedure set forth in the General Terms must be made by the entity entitled to delivery and/or possession at the time that the goods are removed from the Carrier's possession. Failure to make a claim strictly in accordance with this provision shall be a complete bar and defense to any future claims. With respect to Claims involving non-obvious damage to delivered goods, or claims involving matters other than damage to delivered goods, the time limitations and claim procedure stipulated in the General Terms, at ¶5(b) and ¶7 shall apply. Failure to make a claim strictly in accordance with the General Terms and within the precise time periods stipulated therein, shall be a complete bar and defense to any claim later asserted against Carrier with respect to any specific goods or shipment, for any reason whatsoever, without exception.

(15) NOTICE OF CLAIM:

The Claims procedure applicable to all Claims entitled to be asserted by an entity entitled to delivery of goods by the Shipper shall be the procedure(s) specified in the General Terms, including, but not limited to the terms set forth in ¶5(b), ¶7 and ¶8. Removal of goods from the Carrier's custody by one entity to remove the goods from the custody of delivery of the goods. With respect to goods presumably damaged in transit, while in Carrier's possession and control, and where damage is obvious, a written claim complying with the claims procedure set forth in the General Terms must be made by the entity entitled to delivery and/or possession at the time that the goods are removed from the Carrier's possession. Failure to make a claim strictly in accordance with this provision shall be a complete bar and defense to any future claims. With respect to Claims involving non-obvious damage to delivered goods, or claims involving matters other than damage to delivered goods, the time limitations and claim procedure stipulated in the General Terms, at ¶5(b) and ¶7 shall apply. Failure to make a claim strictly in accordance with the General Terms and within the precise time periods stipulated therein, shall be a complete bar and defense to any claim later asserted against Carrier with respect to any specific goods or shipment, for any reason whatsoever, without exception.

(16) FREIGHT AND CHARGES:

16.1 Freight may be calculated on the basis of the particulars of the goods furnished by Merchant, who shall be deemed to have guaranteed to Carrier the accuracy of the contents, weight, measure, or value as furnished by him at the time of receipt of the goods by the Carrier or Inland Carrier, but Carrier for the purpose of ascertaining the actual particulars may at any time and at the risk and expense of Merchant, open the container or package and examine contents, weight, measure, and value of the goods. In the event of incorrect declaration of the contents, weight, measure and/or value of the goods, Merchant shall be liable for and bound to pay to Carrier: (a) the balance of freight between the freight charged and that which would have been due had the correct details been given, plus (b) expenses incurred in detouring the goods to the place of destination, and (c) any other ascertained damages, an additional sum equal to the correct freight. Quotations as to fees, rates of duty, freight charges, insurance premiums or other charges given by Carrier to Merchant are for informational purposes only and are subject to change without notice and shall not under any circumstances be binding upon Carrier unless Carrier in writing specifically undertakes the handling of transportation of the shipment at a specific rate and that rate is filed in Carrier's tariff.

16.2 Freight shall be deemed earned on receipt of goods by Carrier, the goods lost or not lost, whether the freight is required to be prepaid or collected at destination. Payment shall be in full and in cash without any offset, counterclaim, or deduction, in the currency named in this Bill of Lading, or another currency at Carrier's option. Interest at 1-1/2% per month shall run from the date when freight and charges are due. Payment of freight charges to a freight forwarder, broker or anyone other than directly to Carrier shall not be deemed payment to the Carrier. Merchant shall remain liable for all charges hereunder notwithstanding any extension of credit to the freight forwarder or broker by Carrier. Full freight shall be paid on damaged or unsound goods. Merchant shall be liable for all fees and charges detailed in the General Terms, including, but not limited to, breach of agreement costs, dishonored check fees, interest on late payments, collection costs and all other charges that Carrier may hereafter require as a condition of doing business with Merchant.

16.3 Merchant shall be liable for all dues, duties, fines, taxes, and charges, including consular fees, levied on the goods. Merchant shall be liable for return freight and charges on the goods if they are refused export or import by any government. Merchant shall be liable for all demurrage or detention charges imposed on the goods or their containers by third parties.

16.4 The Shipper, consignee, holder of this Bill of Lading, owner of the goods and the individual principals/owners of these various entities in their personal capacity shall be jointly and severally liable for the fees and charges described in the preceding paragraph and for all other amounts that may be imposed on the Carrier by reason of the breach of any of the provisions of this Bill of Lading, or of any statutory or regulatory requirements.

16.5 The Shipper, consignee, holder thereof, and owner of the goods, and their principals, shall jointly and severally indemnify Carrier for all claims, fines, penalties, damages, costs and other amounts which may be incurred or imposed upon Carrier by reason of any breach of any of the provisions of this Bill of Lading or of any statutory or regulatory requirements.

(17) LIEN:

Carrier shall have a general lien on any and all property (and documents relating thereto) of Merchant in its possession, custody or control or en route, for all claims for charges, expenses or advances incurred by Carrier in connection with any shipments of Merchant and if such claim remains unsatisfied for 30 days after demand for its payment is made, Carrier may sell at public auction or private sale, upon 10 days written notice, registered mail to Merchant, the goods, wares and/or merchandise or so much as may be necessary to satisfy such lien and the costs of recovery, including the value of management time and effort, and apply the net proceeds of such sale to the payment of the amount due Carrier. The surplus, if any, from such sale shall be transmitted to Merchant, and Merchant shall be liable for any deficiency in the sale. In addition to the foregoing, all the lien and sales provisions set forth in the General Terms shall be applicable to this Bill of Lading, and in the event of a conflict between this Bill of Lading and the General Terms, Carrier may elect and implement such terms, in its sole discretion, as it deems most beneficial to Carrier.

(18) TIME BAR:

Carrier shall be discharged from all liability for loss of or damage to goods unless suit is brought within one (1) year after delivery of the goods or the date when the goods should have been delivered. Suit shall not be deemed brought against Carrier until jurisdiction shall have been obtained over Carrier by service of summons, and only if Merchant is not itself in breach of this Bill of Lading, and complies with all the claims procedures detailed in the General Terms, including, but not limited to, ¶5(b) and ¶7 thereof. The time bar for overcharge claims shall be 36 months.

(19) JURISDICTION:

This contract is to be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey with the exception of its conflict of laws principles. All disputes arising from the shipment to which this bill of lading pertains may only be instituted in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction over this contract. Merchant and Carrier shall be liable for they are each personally subject to the jurisdiction of that court. In addition, the General Terms as they pertain to Jurisdiction over Carrier shall also apply to this Contract.

(20) GENERAL AVERAGE:

20.1 General Average shall be adjusted at New York, or any other port at Carrier's option, according to the York-Antwerp Rules of 1994. The General Average statement shall be prepared by adjusters appointed by Carrier.

20.2 In the event of accident, damage, danger or disaster after commencement of the voyage resulting from any cause whatsoever, whether due to gross negligence or not, for the consequence of which Carrier is not responsible by statute, contract or otherwise, Merchant shall contribute with Carrier in General Average to the payment of any sacrifice, loss or expense of a General Average nature that may be made or incurred, and shall pay salvage or special charges incurred in respect of the goods. If a saving vessel is owned or operated by Carrier, salvage shall be paid for as fully as if the saving vessel or vessels belonged to strangers.

(21) BOTH-TO-BLAME COLLISION CLAUSE:

If the ship comes into collision with another vessel as a result of negligence of the other vessel and any gross negligence or fault on the part of Carrier or its servants or subcontractors, Merchant shall indemnify Carrier against all loss or liability to the other or non-carrying vessel or her owners, insofar as such loss or liability represents loss of, or damage to, or any claim whatsoever of Merchant paid or payable by the other or non-carrying vessel or her owners to Merchant and set-off, recouped or recovered by the other or non-carrying vessel or her owners as part of their claim against the carrying ship or her owner. This provision shall apply as well where the owners, operators or those in charge of any ship or ships are other than, or in addition to, the colliding ships or objects are at fault with respect to a collision or contact.

(22) CARRIER'S TARIFFS:

The goods carried under this Bill of Lading are also subject to all the terms and conditions of tariff(s) published pursuant to the regulations of the United States Federal Maritime Commission and any other regulatory agency which governs a particular portion of the carriage and the terms are incorporated herein as part of the terms and conditions of this Bill of Lading. Copies of Carrier's tariffs may be obtained from Carrier or its agents or from Carrier's website, the address of which is set forth on the U.S. Federal Maritime Commission's website at www.fmc.gov.

(23) PERISHABLE CARGO:

23.1 Goods of a perishable nature shall be carried in ordinary containers without special protection, services or other measures unless there is noted on the reverse side of this Bill of Lading that the goods will be carried in a refrigerated, heated, electrically ventilated or otherwise specially equipped container or are to receive attention in any way. Merchant shall be responsible to pay Carrier for the cost of any such specially equipped containers, and any additional costs incurred by Carrier to accommodate such containers on Carrier's vessel. Carrier shall not be liable for any loss of or damage to goods in a special hold or container arising from latent defects, breakdown, or stoppage of the refrigeration, ventilation or heating machinery special, insulation, ship's plant, or other special apparatus of the vessel or container, provided that Carrier shall before or at the beginning of the transport exercise due diligence to maintain the special hold or container in an efficient state.

23.2 Merchant undertakes not to tender for transportation any goods that require refrigeration without giving written notice of their nature and the required temperature setting of the thermostatic controls before receipt of the goods by Carrier. In case of refrigerated containers packed by or on behalf of Merchant, Merchant warrants that the goods have been properly stowed in the container and that the thermostatic controls have been adequately set before receipt of the goods by Carrier.

23.3 Merchant's attention is drawn to the fact that refrigerated containers are not designed to freeze down cargo which has not been presented for stuffing at or below its designated carrying temperature. Carrier shall not be responsible for the consequences of cargo tendered at a higher temperature than that required for the transportation.

23.4 If the above requirements are not complied with, Carrier shall not be liable for any loss of or damage to the goods whatsoever.

(24) SEVERABILITY:

The terms of this Bill of Lading shall be severable, and, if any part or term hereof is held invalid, the remainder shall be held valid and enforceable or the enforceability of any other part or term hereof.

(25) ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACT:

No servant or agent of Carrier shall have power to waive or vary any of the terms hereof unless such variation is in writing and is specifically authorized or ratified in writing by Carrier, with the exception of agreements incorporated herein by reference, such as, for example, the General Terms, which are considered a part of this Bill of Lading as if set forth herein at length.

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