

Italy (ratification: 1952)

The Committee notes the detailed information supplied by the Government, including inspection reports and statistics.

Article 5 of the Convention. National legislation concerning food supply. The Government indicates that the draft Regulations to be issued under section 34 of Decree No. 271/1999 are still being updated. According to section 34(2) of the Decree, the adoption of the draft Regulations would entail the abrogation of Act No. 1045/1939, which is the main piece of legislation giving effect to *Article 5* of the Convention and, in particular, refers in its section 69 to the lists of food supplies attached to collective agreements. The text of the draft Regulations as supplied by the Government does not appear to contain requirements concerning the provision of food and water supplies. The adoption of these Regulations would, thus, result in the matter only being regulated by the current national collective agreement. However, the method of implementation required for the purposes of this Article of the Convention is the adoption of national laws or regulations, as opposed to collective agreements. The Committee, therefore, requests the Government to take the necessary measures to ensure that the Regulations to be issued under section 34 of Decree No. 271/1999 require the provision of food and water supplies which, having regard to the size of the crew and the duration and nature of the voyage, are suitable in respect of quantity, nutritive value, quality and variety, in conformity with *Article 5* of the Convention.

Article 10 and Part V of the report form. Practical application of the Convention. The Committee would be grateful if the Government could continue to supply in its future reports information on the practical application of the Convention, including a copy of the most recent annual report issued by the competent authority, and any available information as to the number and nature of complaints which may have been made by members of ships' crews (*Article 8*), the penalties imposed (*Article 9*), etc.