AIL LIABILITY, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREINAFTER, THAT MAY ARISE EITHER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE REQUESTING STATE OR UNDER THE LAWS OF THE AIDING STATE OR UNDER THE LAWS OF A THIRD STATE ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH A REQUEST FOR AID, SHALL BE ASSUMED AND BORNE BY THE REQUESTING STATE.

ANY MEMBER STATE RENDERING OUTSIDE AID PURSUANT TO THIS COMPACT SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE MEMBER STATE RECEIVING SUCH AID FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO, OR EXPENSE INCURRED IN THE OPERATION OF ANY EQUIPMENT ANSWERING A REQUEST FOR AID, AND FOR THE COST OF ALL MATERIALS, TRANSPORTATION, WAGES, SALARIES, AND MAINTENANCE OF EMPLOYEES AND EQUIPMENT INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH REQUEST; PROVIDED, THAT NOTHING HEREIN CONTAINED SHALL PREVENT ANY ASSISTING MEMBER STATE FROM ASSUMING SUCH LOSS, DAMAGE, EXPENSE OR OTHER COST OR FROM LOANING SUCH EQUIPMENT OR FROM DONATING SUCH SERVICES TO THE RECEIVING MEMBER STATE WITHOUT CHARGE OR COST.

EACH MEMBER STATE SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION AND DEATH BENEFITS TO INJURED EMPLOYEES AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF DECEASED EMPLOYEES IN CASE EMPLOYEES SUSTAIN INJURIES OR ARE KILLED WHILE RENDERING OUTSIDE AID PURSUANT TO THIS COMPACT, IN THE SAME MANNER AND ON THE SAME TERMS AS IF THE INJURY OR DEATH WERE SUSTAINED WITHIN SUCH STATE.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT THE TERM "EMPLOYEE" SHALL INCLUDE ANY VOLUNTEER OR AUXILIARY LEGALLY INCLUDED WITHIN THE FOREST FIRE FIGHTING FORCES OF THE AIDING STATE UNDER THE LAWS THEREOF.

THE COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS SHALL FORMULATE PROCEDURES FOR CLAIMS AND REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE MEMBER STATES.

ARTICLE VI

NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE OR PERMIT ANY MEMBER STATE TO CURTAIL OR DIMINISH ITS FOREST FIRE FIGHTING FORCES, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES OR FACILITIES, AND IT SHALL BE THE DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH MEMBER STATE TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE FOREST FIRE FIGHTING FORCES AND EQUIPMENT TO MEET DEMANDS FOR FOREST FIRE PROTECTION WITHIN ITS BORDERS IN THE SAME MANNER AND TO THE SAME EXTENT AS