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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A refrigerator includes a cabinet having a storage compartment and a main door mounted on the cabinet by a hinge and having an access opening. An auxiliary storage compartment is provided at a rear portion of the main door and is accessible through the access opening. A sub door is mounted on the main door and opens and closes the access opening. A locking device selectively couples the main door with the sub door, and a handle is pivotably attached on the sub door and can be pushed rearward by pivoting about an end of the handle. A lock control device is mounted in the sub door and unlocks the locking device as a result of the handle being pushed rearward about the end of the handle. The handle has a gripping recess and opens the main door and the sub door simultaneously as a result of being pulled.

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