

**22. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION RELATING TO THE SIMPLIFICATION OF
CUSTOMS FORMALITIES**

Geneva, 3 November 1923

**ENTRY INTO FORCE
REGISTRATION:
TEXT:**

27 November 1924, in accordance with article 26.
27 November 1924, No. 775.¹
League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, ../doc/Publication/UNTS/LON/Volume%2030/v30.pdf

Ratifications or definitive accessions

Austria		France	
	(September 11th, 1924)		(September 13th, 1926)
Belgium			Does not apply to the Colonies under its sovereignty.
	(October 4th, 1924)		
Brazil		<i>Morocco (French Protectorate)</i>	
	(July 10th, 1929)		(November 8th, 1926)
British Empire ²		<i>Tunis</i>	
	(August 29th, 1924)		(November 8th, 1926)
It is stated in the instrument of ratification that this ratification shall not be deemed to apply in the case of the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia (or any territory under its authority) or the Irish Free State or in the case of India, and that in pursuance of the power reserved in Article XXIX of the Convention, it shall not be deemed to apply in the case of the Island of Newfoundland or of the territories of Iraq and Nauru, in respect of which His Britannic Majesty has accepted a mandate. It does not apply to the Sudan.		<i>Syria and Lebanon</i>	
			(March 9th, 1933 a)
		Germany ⁵	
			(August 1st, 1925)
		Greece	
			(July 6th, 1927)
		Hungary	
			(February 23rd, 1926)
		Iran	
			(May 8th, 1925 a)
		Iraq	
			(May 3rd, 1934 a)
<i>Burma</i> ³		Italy	
			(June 13th, 1924)
Australia		Latvia	
	(March 13th, 1925)		(September 28th, 1931 a)
Excluding Papua, Norfolk Island and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea		Luxembourg	
			(June 10th, 1927)
New Zealand		The Netherlands (including the <i>Netherlands Indies, Surinam and Curaçao</i>)	
	(August 29th, 1924)		(May 30th, 1925)
Includes the mandated territory of Western Samoa.			
Union of South Africa		Norway	
	(August 29th, 1924)		(September 7th, 1926)
India		Poland	
	(March 13th, 1925)		(September 4th, 1931)
Bulgaria		Romania	
	(December 10th, 1926)		(December 23rd, 1925)
China ^{2,4}		Under the same reservations as those formulated by the other Governments and inserted in Article 6 of the Protocol, the Royal Government understands that Article 22 of the Convention confers the right to have recourse to the procedure provided for in this Article for questions of a general nature solely on the High Contracting Parties, private persons being only entitled to appeal to their own judicial authorities in case any dispute arises with the authorities of the Kingdom.	
	(February 23rd, 1926)		
Czechoslovakia			
	(February 10th, 1927)		
Denmark			
	(May 17th, 1924)		
Egypt			
	(March 23rd, 1925)		
Estonia			
	(February 28th, 1930 a)	Sweden	
Finland			(February 12th, 1926)
	(May 23rd, 1928)	Switzerland	

Thailand (January 3rd, 1927) Yugoslavia (former)⁶ (May 2nd, 1929)
 (May 19th, 1925)

Signatures not yet perfected by ratification

Chile Spain
 Lithuania Uruguay
 Paraguay
 Portugal

Actions subsequent to the assumption of depositary functions by the Secretary-General of the United Nations

<i>Participant^{2,6}</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Denunciation</i>	<i>Participant^{2,6}</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Denunciation</i>
Cyprus.....	6 May 1964 d		Nigeria	14 Sep 1964 d	
Czech Republic ⁵	9 Feb 1996 d		Pakistan.....	27 Jan 1951 d	
Fiji	[31 Oct 1972 d]	[31 Oct 1972]	Singapore	22 Dec 1967 a	
Israel	29 Aug 1966 a		Slovakia ⁵	28 May 1993 d	
Japan	29 Jul 1952		Solomon Islands	3 Sep 1981 d	
Lesotho	12 Jan 1970 a		Tonga.....	11 Nov 1977 d	
Malawi.....	16 Feb 1967 a		Zimbabwe	1 Dec 1998 d	
Niger.....	14 Mar 1966 a				

***Notifications under article 10 (8)
 (Unless otherwise indicated, the notifications were made
 upon ratification, accession or succession.)***

SWITZERLAND

....the following authorities are authorized to issue the international identity card for commercial travellers in the sense of the Convention:

1. For commercial travellers whose enterprises appear on the trade register of the Swiss Confederation:
 Secrétariat d'Etat à l'économie (SECO) (State Secretariat for Economic Affairs)
 CH-3003 Berne

2. For commercial travellers whose enterprises appear on the trade register of the Principality of Liechtenstein, the territory of which is united with and an integral part of the territory of Switzerland for customs purposes (pursuant to the Treaty of 29 March 1923 between the two countries):

Regierungskanzlei (government record office)
 FL-9490 Vaduz

Notes:

¹ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 30, p.371. The Convention and Protocol came into force on the same day.

² The Secretary-General received, on 6 and 10 June 1999, communications concerning the status of Hong Kong from China and the United Kingdom (see also note 2 under "China" and note 2 under "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" regarding Hong Kong in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume). Upon resuming the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong, China notified the Secretary-General that the Convention will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

The notification made by the Government of China also contained the following reservation:

The Government of the People's Republic of China also declares that it has reservation to paragraph 3 of Article 22 of the [said Convention].

³ See note 1 under "Myanmar" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁴ See note 1 under "China" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁵ See note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁶ In a notification received on 21 February 1974, the Government of the German Democratic Republic stated that the

German Democratic Republic had declared the reapplication of the Convention as of 6 June 1958.

In this connection, the Secretary-General received, on 10 June 1976, the following communication from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany:

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany declares that the notification by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic of 31 January 1974 concerning the application, as from 6 June 1958, of the International Convention of 3 November 1923 relating to the Simplification of Custom Formalities cannot, either for the past or for the future by itself have the effect of establishing contractual relations between the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic.

See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

