

27. CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL RÉGIME OF RAILWAYS

Geneva, 9 December 1923

ENTRY INTO FORCE
REGISTRATION:
TEXT:

23 March 1926, in accordance with article 6.
23 March 1926, No. 1129.¹
League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, ../doc/Publication/UNTS/LON/Volume%2047/v47.pdf

Ratifications or definitive accessions

Austria	(January 20th, 1927)	<i>Sierra Leone (Colony and Protectorate), Straits Settlements September 22nd, 1925 a) Tanganyika Territory, Trans-Jordan</i>
Belgium	(May 16th, 1927)	(September 22nd, 1925 a)
Does not apply to the Belgium Congo or to the territory of Ruanda-Urundi under Belgian mandate, without prejudice to the right of ratification at a subsequent date on behalf of either or both of these territories.		New Zealand (April 1st, 1925) Including the mandated territory of Western Samoa.
British Empire	(August 29th, 1924)	India (April 1st, 1925)
This ratification shall not be deemed to apply in the case of the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand, the Union of South Africa or the Irish Free State (or any territories under their authority) or in the case of India, and in pursuance of the power reserved in Article 9 of this Convention, it shall not be deemed to apply in the case of any of the Colonies, Possessions or Protectorates or of the territories in respect of which His Britannic Majesty has accepted a mandate; without prejudice, however, to the right of subsequent ratification or accession on behalf of any or all of those Dominions, Colonies, Possessions, Protectorates or territories.		Denmark (April 27th, 1926)
<i>Southern Rhodesia</i>	(April 23rd, 1925 a)	Estonia (September 21st, 1929)
<i>Newfoundland</i>	(April 23rd, 1925 a)	Ethiopia (September 20th, 1928 a)
<i>British Guiana, British Honduras, Brunei</i>	(September 22nd, 1925 a)	Finland (February 11th, 1937)
<i>Federated Malay States [(a) Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Pahang; (b) Non-Federated Malay States: Johore, Kedah, Perlis, Kelantan, Trengganu]</i>	(September 22nd, 1925 a)	France (August 28th, 1935) Subject to the reservation contained in Article 9 of the present Convention to the effect that its provisions do not apply to the various Protectorates, Colonies, Possessions or Overseas Territories under the sovereignty or authority of the French Republic.
<i>Gambia (Colony and Protectorate), Gold Coast (a) Colony, (b) Ashanti, (c) Northern Territories, (d) Togoland under British Mandate]</i>	(September 22nd, 1925 a)	Germany ³ (December 5th, 1927)
<i>Hong-Kong²</i>	(September 22nd, 1925 a)	Greece (March 6th, 1929)
<i>Nigeria [(a) Colony, (b) Protectorate, (c) Cameroons under British Mandate], Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland</i>	(September 22nd, 1925 a)	Hungary (March 21st, 1929)
<i>Palestine (excluding Trans-Jordan)</i>	(September 22nd, 1925 a)	Italy (December 10th, 1934) This ratification does not apply to the Italian colonies or possessions.
		Japan (September 30th, 1926)
		Latvia (October 8th, 1934)
		The Netherlands (for the Kingdom in Europe) (February 22nd, 1928)
		Norway (February 24th, 1926)
		Poland (January 7th, 1928)

Romania	(December 23rd, 1925)	Thailand	(October 23rd, 1926)
Spain	(January 15th, 1930)	Yugoslavia (former) ⁴	(January 9th, 1925)
Sweden	(September 15th, 1927)		(May 7th, 1930)
Switzerland			

Signatures or accessions not yet perfected by ratification

Brazil		conclusion of special agreements for the purpose of putting the provisions of the Statute into force in cases where existing agreements are not adequate for this purpose.
Bulgaria		Colombia (a)
Chile		Czechoslovakia ⁶
China (a) ⁵		Lithuania
The Chinese Government, subject to the declarations made in its name by the delegates whom it instructed to take part in the discussions on this Convention, confirms the said declarations regarding:		Panama (a)
(1) The whole of Part III: "Relations between the rail way and its users", Articles 14, 15, 16 and 17;	(2) In	Portugal
Part VI: "General Regulations", Article 37, relating to the		El Salvador
		Uruguay

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

<i>Participant</i> ³	<i>Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i> ³	<i>Succession(d)</i>
Malawi.....	7 Jan 1969 d	Zimbabwe.....	1 Dec 1998 d

Notes:

¹ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 47, p. 55.

² 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.

³ In a communication received on 4 October 1974, the Government of the German Democratic Republic stated that the German Democratic Republic had declared the reapplication of the Convention as of 26 September 1958.

In this connection, the Secretary-General received, on 24 February 1976, the following communication from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany:

With reference to the communication by the German Democratic Republic of 30 September 1974, concerning the application, as from 26 September 1958, of the Convention and Statute of 9 December 1923 on the International Régime of Railways, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany declares that in the relation between the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic the declaration of application has no retroactive effect beyond 21 June 1973.

Subsequently, in a communication received on 17 June 1976, the Government of the German Democratic Republic declared:

"The Government of the German Democratic Republic takes the view that in accordance with the applicable rules of international law and the international practice of States the regulations on the reapplication of agreements concluded under international law are an internal affair of the successor State

concerned. Accordingly, the German Democratic Republic was entitled to determine the date of reapplication of the Convention and Statute on the International Régime of Railways, December 9th, 1923 to which it established its status as a party by way of succession."

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

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

⁵ See note concerning signatures, ratifications, accession, etc., on behalf of China (note 1 under "China" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume).

⁶ See note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

