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CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON CONTAINERS, 1972

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PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES 1 AND 4 OF THE CONVENTION

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

At its ninth session held in Brussels from 7 to 8 November 2006, the Administrative Committee of the Customs Convention on Containers, 1972, adopted unanimously certain amendments to Annexes 1 and 4 of the Convention in accordance with article 22 of the above Convention.

..... A copy of the text of the proposed amendments in the English and French languages is transmitted herewith.

In this connection, it is recalled that the procedure for the amendment of annexes 1, 4, 5 and 6 to the Convention is set forth in paragraphs 1 to 7 of article 22, which read as follows:

- "1. Independently of the amendment procedure set out in article 21, Annexes 1, 4, 5 and 6 may be amended as provided for in this article and in accordance with the rules of procedure set out in Annex 7.
2. Any Contracting Party shall communicate proposed amendments to the Customs Co-operation Council. The Customs Co-operation Council shall bring them to the attention of the Contracting Parties and of the States referred to in article 18 which are not Contracting Parties, and shall convene the Administrative Committee.
3. Any amendment proposed in accordance with the preceding paragraph or prepared during the meeting of the Committee, and adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting in the Committee, shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
4. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall communicate the amendment to the Contracting Parties for their acceptance, and to the States referred to in article 18 which are not Contracting Parties for their information.

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5. The amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted unless one-fifth or five of the Contracting Parties, whichever number is less, have notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, within a period of 12 months from the date on which the proposed modification has been communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Contracting Parties, that they object to the proposal. An amendment which is not accepted shall be of no effect whatever.
6. If an amendment is accepted, it shall enter into force, for all Contracting Parties which did not object to the amendment, three months after the expiry of the period of twelve months referred to in the preceding paragraph, or on such later date as may have been determined by the Committee at the time of its adoption. At the time of adoption of an amendment the Committee may also provide that, during a transitional period, the existing Annexes shall remain in force, wholly or in part, concurrently with such amendment.
7. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify the date of the entry into force of the amendment to the Contracting Parties and inform the States, referred to in article 18, which are not Contracting Parties."

In accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 22 of the Convention, the proposal of amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted unless one-fifth or five of the Contracting Parties, whichever number is less, have notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, within a period of 12 months from the date of the present notification, that they object to the proposal of amendment. A proposed amendment which is not accepted shall be of no effect whatever.

20 April 2007



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