

**10. CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF  
COMMERCIAL ROAD VEHICLES**

*Geneva, 18 May 1956*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 8 April 1959 by the exchange of the said letters, in accordance with article 34.

**REGISTRATION:** 8 April 1959, No. 4721.

**STATUS:** Signatories: 12. Parties: 42.<sup>1</sup>

**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 327, p. 123; vol. 1314, p. 277 (amendment); and depositary notification C.N.316.1991.TREATIES-1 of 30 January 1992 (amendments to authentic English and French texts).<sup>2</sup>

<i>Participant<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>
Afghanistan.....		19 Dec 1977 a	Lithuania.....		3 Jan 2003 a
Algeria.....		31 Oct 1963 a	Luxembourg.....	18 May 1956	28 Jan 1964
Austria.....	18 May 1956	13 Nov 1957	Montenegro <sup>8</sup> .....		23 Oct 2006 d
Azerbaijan.....		8 May 2000 a	Netherlands <sup>9</sup> .....	18 May 1956	27 Jul 1960
Belgium.....	18 May 1956	18 Feb 1963	North Macedonia <sup>4</sup> .....		20 Dec 1999 d
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>4</sup> .....		12 Jan 1994 d	Norway.....		11 Jul 1966 a
Bulgaria.....		7 Oct 1959 a	Poland.....	18 May 1956	6 May 1959
Cambodia.....		8 Apr 1959 a	Portugal.....		8 May 1967 a
Croatia <sup>4</sup> .....		31 Aug 1994 d	Republic of Moldova.....		14 May 2013 a
Cuba.....		16 Sep 1965 a	Romania.....		7 Jan 1966 a
Cyprus.....		2 Feb 1983 d	Saudi Arabia.....		23 Jan 2003 a
Denmark.....		8 Jan 1959 a	Serbia <sup>4</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d
European Union <sup>5</sup> .....		1 Feb 1996 a	Sierra Leone.....		13 Mar 1962 d
Finland.....		23 May 1967 a	Singapore.....		15 Aug 1966 d
France.....	18 May 1956	20 May 1959	Slovenia <sup>4</sup> .....		3 Nov 1992 d
Germany <sup>6,7</sup> .....	18 May 1956	23 Oct 1961	Spain.....		17 Nov 1958 a
Greece.....		12 Sep 1961 a	Sweden.....	18 May 1956	16 Jan 1958
Hungary.....	18 May 1956	23 Jul 1957	Switzerland <sup>1</sup> .....	18 May 1956	7 Jul 1960
Ireland.....		26 Jul 1967 a	Turkey.....		10 May 2005 a
Italy.....	18 May 1956	29 Mar 1962	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>3</sup> .....	18 May 1956	30 Jul 1959
Kyrgyzstan.....		2 Apr 1998 a	Uzbekistan.....		11 Jan 1999 a

***Declarations and Reservations***  
***(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made  
upon ratification, accession or succession.)***

**ALGERIA**

The Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 38 of the said Convention relating to the compulsory arbitration of the International Court of Justice.

**BULGARIA<sup>10</sup>**

**POLAND<sup>11</sup>**

**ROMANIA**

The Socialist Republic of Romania does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 38, paragraphs 2

and 3 of the Convention, its position being that a dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the

Convention can be submitted to arbitration only with the consent of all the Parties to the dispute.

### *Territorial Application*

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the notification</i>	<i>Territories</i>
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>3</sup>	30 Jul 1959	The Isle of Man, Jersey and the Bailiwick of Guernsey
	6 Nov 1959	Brunei, Gibraltar, North Borneo, Seychelles, Singapore and Somalia
	29 Apr 1960	Cyprus and Gambia
	12 Sep 1960	Sierra Leone
	21 Sep 1960	Hong Kong
	19 Jul 1962	Kenya and Uganda

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#### *Notes:*

<sup>1</sup> On depositing the instrument of ratification, the Government of Switzerland declared that the provisions of the Convention will apply to the Principality of Liechtenstein so long as it is linked to Switzerland by a customs union treaty.

<sup>2</sup> The Secretary-General circulated on 6 April 1979 the text of an amendment proposed by Switzerland aiming at the addition of a new article 25<sup>bis</sup> to chapter VII of the Convention. The said amendment was not accepted owing to objections notified to the Secretary-General on 4 October 1979 (Belgium, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands).

Subsequently, a further proposed amendment by Switzerland to chapter VII of the Convention by the addition of a new article 25<sup>bis</sup> was circulated by the Secretary-General on 26 August 1982. Within the period of six months following the date of its circulation, no Contracting Party expressed an objection to the proposed amendment and therefore, in accordance with paragraph 2 of article 41 of the Convention, it is deemed accepted.

On 30 January 1992, the Secretary-General circulated the text of the amendments to the authentic English and French texts proposed by the Government of Italy. Within a period of six months from the date of its circulation (i.e., 30 January 1992), none of the Contracting Parties to the Convention expressed an objection to the proposed amendment. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of article 41 (2) and (3) of the Convention, the proposed amendment was deemed accepted and will enter into force for all Contracting Parties three months after the expiry of the said period of six months, i.e., on 30 October 1992.

<sup>3</sup> The Secretary-General, received on 6 and 10 June 1997 communications regarding the status of Hong Kong from China and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (see also note 2 under "China" and note 2 under "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" 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 continue to apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

<sup>4</sup> The former Yugoslavia had acceded to the Convention on 12 June 1961. See also note 1 under "Bosnia and Herzegovina", "Croatia", "former Yugoslavia", "Slovenia", "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and "Yugoslavia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>5</sup> The instrument contained a notification by which the European Community accepts the resolution of the United Nations of 2 July 1993 on the applicability of *cartes de passage en douane* and CPD *cartes* to private road vehicles.

<sup>6</sup> See note 1 under "Germany" regarding Berlin (West) in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>7</sup> See note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>8</sup> See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>9</sup> For the Kingdom of Europe.

<sup>10</sup> In a notification received on 6 May 1994, the Government of Bulgaria notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to withdraw the reservation made upon accession with regard to article 38 (2) and (3). For the text of the reservation, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 342, p. 362.

<sup>11</sup> On 16 October 1997, the Government of Poland notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to withdraw its reservation with regard to article 38 of the Convention made upon ratification. For the text of the reservation see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 328, p. 344.

