

**11. CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION FOR PRIVATE  
USE OF AIRCRAFT AND PLEASURE BOATS**

*Geneva, 18 May 1956*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 1 January 1959 by the exchange of the said letters, in accordance with article 34.  
**REGISTRATION:** 1 January 1959, No. 4630.  
**STATUS:** Signatories: 11. Parties: 26.<sup>1</sup>  
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<i>Participant<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>
Algeria <sup>3</sup> .....		31 Oct 1963 a	Montenegro <sup>7</sup> .....		23 Oct 2006 d
Austria .....	18 May 1956	13 Nov 1957	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>8</sup> .....	18 May 1956	27 Jul 1960
Belgium .....	18 May 1956	18 Feb 1963	Portugal.....		16 Feb 1965 a
Croatia <sup>4</sup> .....		31 Aug 1994 d	Serbia <sup>4</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d
Denmark .....		8 Jan 1959 a	Sierra Leone.....		13 Mar 1962 d
Finland .....		30 Sep 1965 a	Slovenia <sup>4</sup> .....		3 Nov 1992 d
France .....	18 May 1956	20 May 1959	Solomon Islands .....		3 Sep 1981 d
Germany <sup>5,6</sup> .....	18 May 1956	23 Oct 1961	Spain <sup>9</sup> .....		2 Oct 1958 a
Hungary .....	18 May 1956	23 Jul 1957	Sweden.....	18 May 1956	16 Jan 1958
Italy .....	18 May 1956	29 Mar 1962	Switzerland <sup>1</sup> .....	18 May 1956	7 Jul 1960
Jamaica .....		11 Nov 1963 d	Trinidad and Tobago .....		11 Apr 1966 d
Luxembourg.....	18 May 1956	13 Oct 1964	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>2,10</sup> ..	18 May 1956	3 Oct 1958
Malta.....		3 May 1966 d			
Mauritius.....		18 Jul 1969 d			

***Territorial Application***

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the notification</i>	<i>Territories</i>
France	14 Dec 1959	Overseas Territories (St. Pierre and Miquelon, French Somaliland, Comoro Archipelago, New Caledonia and Dependencies, French Polynesia)
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>2,10</sup>	23 Dec 1959	Condominium of the New Hebrides
	3 Oct 1958	The Isle of Man, Jersey and the Bailiwick of Guernsey
	13 May 1959	Aden, British Guiana, Brunei, Gambia, Gibraltar, Kenya, Leeward Islands (Antigua, Montserrat), North Borneo, St. Helena, Sarawak, Seychelles, Singapore, Somaliland Protectorate, Tanganyika, Uganda, Windward Islands (Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent), Zanzibar, British Solomon Islands Protectorate; and Cyprus
	15 Sep 1959	Jamaica
	19 Oct 1959	Malta and Sierra Leone
	28 Dec 1959	Condominium of the New Hebrides

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the notification</i>	<i>Territories</i>
	12 May 1960	Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and Hong Kong
	12 Jan 1961	British Honduras
	10 Feb 1961	Mauritius
	8 May 1961	Trinidad and Tobago

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> On depositing the instrument of ratification, the Government of Switzerland declared that the provisions of the Convention will also 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, 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>3</sup> With a reservation that the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 38 of the Convention relating to compulsory arbitration.

<sup>4</sup> The former Yugoslavia had acceded to the Convention on 29 January 1960. 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> See note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<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 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>8</sup> The signature was affixed for the Kingdom in Europe. The instrument of ratification provides that the Convention was ratified for the Kingdom in Europe, for Surinam, for the Netherlands Antilles and Netherlands New Guinea. See also note 1 under "Netherlands" regarding Aruba/Netherlands Antilles in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>9</sup> The Government of Spain had deposited an instrument of accession on 29 July 1958 (See, [C.N.115.1958](#) TREATIES-2 of 5 August 1958). On 2 October 1958, the Government of Spain withdrew the said instrument and deposited a new instrument of accession containing a declaration, made under paragraph 1 of article 39 of the Convention, that Spain does not consider itself bound by article 38 of the Convention.

<sup>10</sup> Application to Cyprus with the following note:

"It will involve amendment to Customs and Tariff Law which will be made at earliest opportunity. Facilities as provided by the Convention will be granted by administrative action in respect of any importation that may be made between the date of extension of the Convention to Cyprus and the amendment of the law."

