

**17. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE HARMONIZATION OF FRONTIER
CONTROLS OF GOODS**

Geneva, 21 October 1982

ENTRY INTO FORCE:
REGISTRATION:
STATUS:
TEXT:

15 October 1985, in accordance with article 17(1).
15 October 1985, No. 23583.
Signatories: 13. Parties: 58.¹
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1409, p. 3; and depositary notification C.N.81.1984.TREATIES-3 of 4 May 1984 (procès-verbal of rectification of French authentic text); C.N.222.2007.TREATIES-1 of 20 February 2007 (Proposal of a new Annex 8 to the Convention) and C.N.127.2008.TREATIES-1 of 25 February 2008 (Entry into force of Annex 8); C.N.157.2008.TREATIES-1 of 25 March 2008 (Correction of the English and French texts of the new Annex 8 to the Convention); C.N.552.2010.TREATIES-2 of 31 August 2010 reissued on 13 March 2013 (Proposal of a new annex 9 to the Convention); C.N.534.2011.TREATIES-1 of 1 September 2011 (Entry into force of Annex 9 to the Convention).²

Note: The Convention was elaborated by the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe and was opened for signature in Geneva from 1 April 1983 to 31 March 1984.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Succession(d)</i>
Albania.....		28 Dec 2004 a	Jordan.....		13 Nov 2008 a
Armenia		8 Dec 1993 a	Kazakhstan.....		25 Jan 2005 a
Austria		22 Jul 1987 a	Kyrgyzstan.....		2 Apr 1998 a
Azerbaijan.....		8 May 2000 a	Lao People's Democratic Republic		29 Sep 2008 a
Belarus		5 Apr 1993 a	Latvia.....		18 Dec 2003 a
Belgium	31 Jan 1984	12 Jun 1987	Lesotho		30 Mar 1988 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina ³		1 Sep 1993 d	Liberia.....		16 Sep 2005 a
Bulgaria		27 Feb 1998 a	Lithuania.....		7 Dec 1995 a
Croatia ³		20 May 1994 d	Luxembourg.....	1 Feb 1984	12 Jun 1987
Cuba.....		15 Apr 1992 a	Mongolia.....		2 Nov 2007 a
Cyprus.....		1 Jul 2002 a	Montenegro ⁷		23 Oct 2006 d
Czech Republic ⁴		30 Sep 1993 d	Morocco.....		25 Sep 2012 a
Denmark	1 Feb 1984	12 Jun 1987	Netherlands ⁸	1 Feb 1984	12 Jun 1987 a
Estonia		4 Mar 1996 a	Norway		10 Jul 1985 a
European Union.....	1 Feb 1984	12 Jun 1987	Poland		6 Dec 1996 a
Finland		8 Aug 1985 a	Portugal.....		10 Nov 1987 a
France	1 Feb 1984	12 Jun 1987	Republic of Moldova.....		3 Dec 2008 a
Georgia		2 Jun 1999 a	Romania.....		10 Nov 2000 a
Germany ^{5,6}	1 Feb 1984	12 Jun 1987	Russian Federation		28 Jan 1986 a
Greece.....	1 Feb 1984	12 Jun 1987	Serbia ³		12 Mar 2001 d
Hungary	21 Dec 1983	26 Jan 1984 AA	Slovakia ⁴		28 May 1993 d
Iran (Islamic Republic of).....		18 May 2010 a	Slovenia ³		6 Jul 1992 d
Ireland.....	1 Feb 1984	12 Jun 1987	South Africa.....		24 Feb 1987 a
Italy.....	1 Feb 1984	12 Jun 1987	Spain		2 Jul 1984 a

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Sweden.....		15 Jul 1985 a	Turkey.....		21 Mar 2006 a
Switzerland ¹	25 Jan 1984	21 Jan 1986	Turkmenistan.....		27 Nov 2016 a
Tajikistan		28 Dec 2011 a	Ukraine		12 Sep 2003 a
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ³		20 Dec 1999 d	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ⁹	1 Feb 1984	12 Jun 1987
Tunisia		11 Mar 2009 a	Uzbekistan		27 Nov 1996 a

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

CUBA

[The Government of Cuba declares that] it does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 20, paragraphs 2 to 7, and that any disputes that may arise among the parties must be resolved by means of negotiation through the diplomatic channel.

CYPRUS¹⁰

"The Republic of Cyprus does not consider itself bound by article 20, paragraphs 2 to 7, of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods concerning the settlement of disputes."

HUNGARY

"The Government of the Hungarian's People's Republic does not consider itself bound by Article 20, paragraphs 2 to 7, of this Convention."

IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

"... pursuant to Article 21, paragraph 1, of the Convention, the Islamic Republic of Iran does not consider itself bound by the provisions of Article 20, paragraphs 2 to 7, concerning the settlement of disputes."

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics does not consider itself bound by article 20, paragraphs 2 to 7, of

the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods concerning the settlement of disputes;

The participation in the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods of regional economic integration organizations constituted by sovereign States does not alter the position of the Soviet Union with regard to such international organizations.

SOUTH AFRICA

"South Africa does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 20, paragraphs 2 to 7, of this Convention."

SWITZERLAND

The Government of Switzerland declared that it accepts resolution No. 230 adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on 4 February 1983, concerning Technical Assistance Measures for the Implementation of the Convention.

TURKEY¹¹

"The Republic of Turkey does not consider itself bound by article 20, paragraphs 2 to 7 of the Convention."

Notes:

¹ 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.

² The rectification was proposed by the Secretary-General on 19 January 1984. It was effected on 18 April in the absence of any objections.

³ The former Yugoslavia had signed and ratified the Convention on 29 March 1984 and 2 July 1985, respectively. See also note 1 under

/Pages/HistoricalInfo.aspx?clang=_en#BosniaandHerzegovina , /Pages/HistoricalInfo.aspx?clang=_en#Croatia“ target= , /Pages/HistoricalInfo.aspx?clang=_en#TheformerYugoslavRepublicofMacedonia

⁴ Czechoslovakia had acceded to the Convention on 6 September 1991. See also note 1 under “Czech Republic” and note 1 under “Slovakia” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

⁵ The German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Convention on 22 April 1987, with the following declaration:

The German Democratic Republic does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 20, paragraphs 2 to 7 of the Convention according to which a dispute regarding the interpretation or application of the Convention not settled by negotiation shall be subject to arbitration upon the request of one of the Contracting Parties party to the dispute.

In this connection the German Democratic Republic takes the view that in each case the consent of all contracting parties to the dispute is required to settle a dispute by arbitration.

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

⁶ See note 1 under “Germany” Berlin (West) in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

⁷ See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁸ For the Kingdom in Europe, for the Netherlands Antilles and for Aruba. See also note 1 under “Netherlands” regarding Aruba/Netherlands Antilles in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

⁹ For the United Kingdom, the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Saint Helena and Saint Helena Dependencies.

¹⁰ By 7 August 2003, i.e. within a period of one year from the date of its notification (that is to say, 8 August 2002) no objection had been notified to the Secretary-General. Consequently, in keeping with the depositary practice followed in similar cases, the Secretary-General proposed to receive the reservation in question for deposit.

¹¹ Within a period of one year from the date of the depositary notification transmitting the reservation (C.N.845.2006.TREATIES-2 of 13 October 2006), none of the Contracting Parties to the said Convention had notified the Secretary-General of an objection either to the deposit itself or to the procedure envisaged. Consequently, the reservation in question was accepted for deposit upon the above-stipulated one year period, that is on 13 October 2007.

