

3. UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY SEA, 1978

Hamburg, 31 March 1978

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 November 1992, in accordance with article 30(1).

REGISTRATION: 1 November 1992, No. 29215.

STATUS: Signatories: 28. Parties: 35.

TEXT: United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1695, p.3.

Note: The Convention was adopted on 30 March 1978 by the United Nations Conference on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, held in Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany, from 6 to 31 March 1978. The Conference had been convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with resolution [31/100](#)¹ adopted by the General Assembly on 15 December 1976. The Convention was opened for signature at Hamburg on 31 March 1978 and remained open for signature by all States at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York, until 30 April 1979.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature, Succession to signature(d)</i>	<i>Approval(AA), Acceptance(A), Accession(a), Ratification</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature, Succession to signature(d)</i>	<i>Approval(AA), Acceptance(A), Accession(a), Ratification</i>
Albania.....		20 Jul 2006 a	Lebanon		4 Apr 1983 a
Austria	30 Apr 1979	29 Jul 1993	Lesotho		26 Oct 1989 a
Barbados		2 Feb 1981 a	Liberia.....		16 Sep 2005 a
Botswana		16 Feb 1988 a	Madagascar.....	31 Mar 1978	
Brazil	31 Mar 1978		Malawi		18 Mar 1991 a
Burkina Faso.....		14 Aug 1989 a	Mexico	31 Mar 1978	
Burundi		4 Sep 1998 a	Morocco.....		12 Jun 1981 a
Cameroon.....		21 Oct 1993 a	Nigeria		7 Nov 1988 a
Chile.....	31 Mar 1978	9 Jul 1982	Norway	18 Apr 1979	
Czech Republic ²	2 Jun 1993 d	23 Jun 1995	Pakistan.....	8 Mar 1979	
Democratic Republic of the Congo.....	19 Apr 1979		Panama.....	31 Mar 1978	
Denmark	18 Apr 1979		Paraguay		19 Jul 2005 a
Dominican Republic		28 Sep 2007 a	Peru.....		25 Mar 2021 a
Ecuador.....	31 Mar 1978		Philippines	14 Jun 1978	
Egypt.....	31 Mar 1978	23 Apr 1979	Portugal.....	31 Mar 1978	
Finland.....	18 Apr 1979		Romania.....		7 Jan 1982 a
France	18 Apr 1979		Senegal.....	31 Mar 1978	17 Mar 1986
Gambia.....		7 Feb 1996 a	Sierra Leone.....	15 Aug 1978	7 Oct 1988
Georgia		21 Mar 1996 a	Singapore	31 Mar 1978	
Germany ³	31 Mar 1978		Slovakia ²	28 May 1993 d	
Ghana.....	31 Mar 1978		St. Vincent and the Grenadines		12 Sep 2000 a
Guinea.....		23 Jan 1991 a	Sweden.....	18 Apr 1979	
Holy See	31 Mar 1978		Syrian Arab Republic ...		16 Oct 2002 a
Hungary	23 Apr 1979	5 Jul 1984	Tunisia		15 Sep 1980 a
Jordan.....		10 May 2001 a	Uganda.....		6 Jul 1979 a
Kazakhstan.....		18 Jun 2008 a	United Republic of Tanzania.....		24 Jul 1979 a
Kenya.....		31 Jul 1989 a			

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United States of America.....	30 Apr	1979	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	31 Mar	1978
			Zambia		7 Oct 1991 a

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

CZECH REPUBLIC²

"The Czech Republic declares that limits of carrier's liability in the territory of the Czech Republic adhere to the provision of article 6 of the Convention."

SLOVAKIA²

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

... with the following reservation: The accession of the Syrian Arab Republic to this Convention shall not in any way be construed to mean recognition of Israel and shall not lead to entry with it into any of the transactions regulated by the provisions of the Convention.

Notes:

¹ [Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 39, \(A/31/39\)](#), p. 184.

² Czechoslovakia had signed the Convention on 6 March 1979 with the following declaration:

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, upon signing the United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea of 1978, declares, in conformity with the provision of its article 26, that the conversion of the amounts of the limits of liability, referred to in paragraph 2 of that article, into the Czechoslovak currency is made in the ratio of 0.48 Czechoslovak crown /Kcs/ to 1 monetary unit, defined in paragraph 3 of article 26 of the Convention, and the limits of liability provided for in this Convention to be applied in the territory of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic are fixed as follows: 6,000.–Kcs per package or other shipping unit, or 18.–Kcs per kilogramme of gross weight of the goods.

Subsequently, upon ratification, the Government of the Czech Republic declared that it "had decided to withdraw the declaration made by the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic upon signing the Convention on 6 March 1979."

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

³ See note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

