

No. 4101. CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF PRIVATE ROAD VEHICLES. DONE AT NEW YORK ON 4 JUNE 1954¹

ENTRY INTO FORCE of amendments to the above-mentioned Convention

The amendments (concerning chapter VII) were proposed by the Government of Switzerland and circulated by the Secretary-General on 23 July 1984. No Contracting Party having expressed an objection within a period of six months, the amendments came into force on 23 April 1985, in accordance with article 42 (3).

Subject to the following declaration by Austria:

“Austria does not object to the substance of the amendment proposed by Switzerland which has been approved by the Austrian Federal Government on December 12, 1984. As the Austrian constitutional procedures in the present case also require the ratification by the Federal President after approval by parliament, Austria is not yet in a position to apply the new regulations. Austria does, however, not wish to prevent the entry into force of the present amendment for the other contracting states.”

Amendment proposed to chapter VII of the Convention

Insert after article 25 a new article 25 *bis*, to read as follows:

“Article 25 bis

“The competent customs authorities shall not require payment of import duties and taxes where it is proved to their satisfaction that a vehicle imported under cover of temporary importation papers can no longer be re-exported because it has been destroyed or irrecoverably lost for reasons of *force majeure*.”

Authentic texts of the amendments: English and French.

Registered ex officio on 23 April 1985.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 282, p. 249; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 3 to 10, 12 and 13, as well as annex A in volumes 940, 945, 952, 1058, 1249, 1312 and 1330.

² By notification dated 18 May 1985 and received on 7 June 1985, the Government of Austria further informed the Secretary-General that the said constitutional procedures being completed, the amendments in question may now be applied by Austria.