

No. 8564. CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC. SIGNED AT LONDON ON 9 APRIL 1965¹

ENTRY INTO FORCE of an amendment² to article VII of the above-mentioned Convention, adopted by a conference of the Contracting Governments held at London on 19 November 1973

Amended Text of Article VII

“Article VII

“(1) The Annex to the present Convention may be amended by the Contracting Governments, either at the proposal of one of them or by a Conference convened for that purpose.

“(2) Any Contracting Government may propose an amendment to the Annex by forwarding a draft amendment to the Secretary-General of the Organization (hereinafter called the “Secretary-General”):

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 591, p. 265; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 8 to 10, and 12 to 14, as well as annex A in volumes 961, 973, 1010, 1019, 1031, 1034, 1037, 1045, 1057, 1110, 1140, 1175, 1208, 1225, 1323, 1355 and 1391.

² Came into force for all Contracting Governments to the Convention on 2 June 1984, i.e., one year after its acceptance by two thirds of the Contracting Governments, in accordance with article IX:

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of acceptance* or succession (s)</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Date of acceptance* or succession (s)</i>
Argentina.....	29 January 1980	Monaco.....	8 January 1982
Austria.....	28 March 1983	Netherlands.....	25 April 1975
Bahamas.....	22 March 1978	(With a declaration of applica- tion to the Netherlands Antil- les.)	
Belgium.....	13 January 1976	New Zealand.....	17 August 1976
Brazil.....	6 July 1978	Norway.....	10 November 1975
Canada.....	19 December 1974	Peru.....	16 July 1982
Chile.....	2 August 1977	Poland.....	3 June 1975
Denmark.....	28 March 1974	Singapore.....	23 March 1978
Finland.....	4 October 1976	Spain.....	14 April 1975
France.....	12 December 1974	Suriname.....	25 November 1975 ^s
(With a declaration.)*		Sweden.....	28 April 1975
Germany, Federal Republic of..	30 December 1974	Switzerland.....	30 December 1975
(With a declaration of applica- tion to Berlin (West).)		Tunisia.....	19 February 1975
Greece.....	16 May 1978	Union of Soviet Socialist Repub- lics.....	22 October 1976
Hungary.....	9 February 1981	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	7 October 1974
Iceland.....	4 December 1981	United States of America.....	2 April 1975
India.....	2 June 1983	Yugoslavia.....	11 July 1975
Ireland.....	20 October 1981		
Israel.....	17 February 1982		
Italy.....	19 October 1977		
Mexico.....	31 May 1983		

* Listed above are only those acceptances which brought about the entry into force of the amendments.

** For the text of the declaration, see p. 531 of this volume.

“(a) Any amendment proposed in accordance with this paragraph shall be considered by the Facilitation Committee of the Organization, provided that it has been circulated at least three months prior to the meeting of this Committee. If adopted by two-thirds of the Contracting Governments present and voting in the Committee, the amendment shall be communicated to all Contracting Governments by the Secretary-General.

“(b) Any amendment to the Annex under this paragraph shall enter into force fifteen months after communication of the proposal to all Contracting Governments by the Secretary-General unless within twelve months after the communication at least one-third of Contracting Governments have notified the Secretary-General in writing that they do not accept the proposal.

“(c) The Secretary-General shall inform all Contracting Governments of any notification received under sub-paragraph (b) and of the date of entry into force.

“(d) Contracting Governments which do not accept an amendment are not bound by that amendment but shall follow the procedure laid down in Article VIII of the present Convention.

“(3) A conference of the Contracting Governments to consider amendments to the Annex shall be convened by the Secretary-General upon the request of at least one-third of these Governments. Every amendment adopted by such conference by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting shall enter into force six months after the date on which the Secretary-General notifies the Contracting Governments of the amendment adopted.

“(4) The Secretary-General shall notify promptly all signatory Governments of the adoption and entry into force of any amendment under this Article.”

Authentic texts of the amendment: English and French.

Certified statement was registered by the International Maritime Organization on 24 April 1985.

DECLARATION MADE
UPON ACCEPTANCEDÉCLARATION FAITE
LORS DE L'ACCEPTATION*FRANCE**FRANCE*[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

In the view of the Government of the French Republic, the provisions of Article VII 2 (*d*) apply to all amendments adopted under the terms of paragraph 3 of that article.

« Selon le Gouvernement de la République française, les dispositions de l'article VII, paragraphe 2 *d*) sont applicables à tout amendement adopté en vertu des dispositions du paragraphe 3 de cet article. »

¹ Translation supplied by the International Maritime Organization.

² Traduction fournie par l'Organisation maritime internationale.