

No. 14449. CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON CONTAINERS, 1972. CONCLUDED AT GENEVA ON 2 DECEMBER 1972¹

ENTRY INTO FORCE of the amendments to annexes 1, 5, 6 and 7 of the above-mentioned Convention

The amendments were proposed and circulated by the Secretary-General of the Customs Cooperation Council on 18 June 1984. They came into force on 18 September 1985, in accordance, respectively, with article 21 (5) for annex 7, and 22 (5) for annexes 1, 5 and 6.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON CONTAINERS, 1972,² WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONVENTION AT ITS SECOND MEETING

I. *Amendments to Annexes 1, 5 and 6 pursuant to Article 22*

1. *Annex 1, paragraph 2*

For the present text of the first sentence of paragraph 2, substitute the following text:

“The country to which the container belongs may be shown either in full, or by means of the ISO alpha-2 country code provided for in International Standard ISO 3166, or by the distinguishing sign used to indicate the country of registration of motor vehicles in international road traffic.”

For the present text of the third sentence of paragraph 2, substitute the following text:

“The identity of the owner or operator may be shown either by his full name or an established identification, symbols such as emblems or flags being excluded.”

2. *Annex 5, paragraph 5 (b)*

For the present text of paragraph 5 (b), substitute the following text:

“(b) an indication of the country in which approval was granted either by name, or by means of the ISO alpha-2 country code provided for in International Standard ISO 3166, or by the distinguishing sign used to indicate the country of registration of motor vehicles in international road traffic, and the number (figures, letters, etc.) of the certificate of approval and the year of approval (e.g., “NL/26/73” means “Netherlands, certificate of approval No. 26, issued in 1973”);”.

3. *Annex 6, Explanatory Note 4.2.1. (a)-1(a) (Joining devices)*

In the fifth line of subparagraph (a), for the phrase “(e.g. riveted, welded, bushed, bolted, and riveted or welded on the nut)” substitute “(e.g. riveted, welded, bushed or bolted and swaged or welded on the nut)”.

4. *Annex 6, Explanatory Note 4.2.1. (b)-1(a) (Sealing devices)*

For the present text of subparagraphs (ii) and (iii), substitute the following text:

“(ii) be so designed that when the container has been closed and sealed the device cannot be removed without leaving visible traces.

It must also:

(iii) incorporate holes of not less than 11 mm in diameter or slots of at least 11 mm in length by 3 mm in width; and

(iv) afford equal security whatever type of seal is used.”.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 988, p. 43, and annex A in volumes 1021, 1025, 1035, 1046, 1120, 1275, 1301, 1302, 1374 and 1380.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 988, p. 43.

5. *Annex 6, Explanatory Note 4.2.1. (b)-1(b) (Sealing devices)*

In the third line of subparagraph (b), for the phrase “the requirements of subparagraph (a) of this note” substitute “the requirements of subparagraphs (a) (i) and (ii) of this note”.

In addition, in the last line, for the phrase “the requirements of subparagraph (a) (i) above” substitute “the requirements of subparagraphs (a) (i) and (ii) above”.

6. *Annex 6, Explanatory Note 4.2.1. (c)-1(f) (Protective devices for ventilation apertures)*

Add a new Explanatory Note 4.2.1. (c)-1(f) after 4.2.1. (c)-(e)* to read as follows:

“(f) The ventilation aperture may be provided with a protective device. This shall be secured to the sheet in such a way as to permit Customs inspection of the aperture. This protective device shall be secured to the sheet at a distance of not less than 5 cm from the screen of the ventilation aperture.”

7. *Annex 6, Explanatory Note 4.4.6. (a)-3 (Sheeted containers with swivel rings)*

Add a new Explanatory Note 4.4.6. (a)-3 after 4.4.6. (a)-2** to read as follows:

“Subparagraph 6 (a) (i), *Sheeted containers with swivel rings*

4.4.6. (a) - 3 Metal swivel rings, each of which rotates in a metal bracket fixed to the container are acceptable for the purpose of this paragraph (see sketch No. 6 appended to this Annex) provided that:

- (a) each bracket is affixed to the container in such a manner that it cannot be removed and replaced without leaving obvious traces; and
 - (b) the spring under each bracket is completely enclosed by a bell-shaped metal cover.”
- Insert a new sketch No. 6 reproduced hereunder in Annex 6.

8. *Annex 6, Explanatory Note 4.4.8.-1 (Textile-cored fastening ropes)*

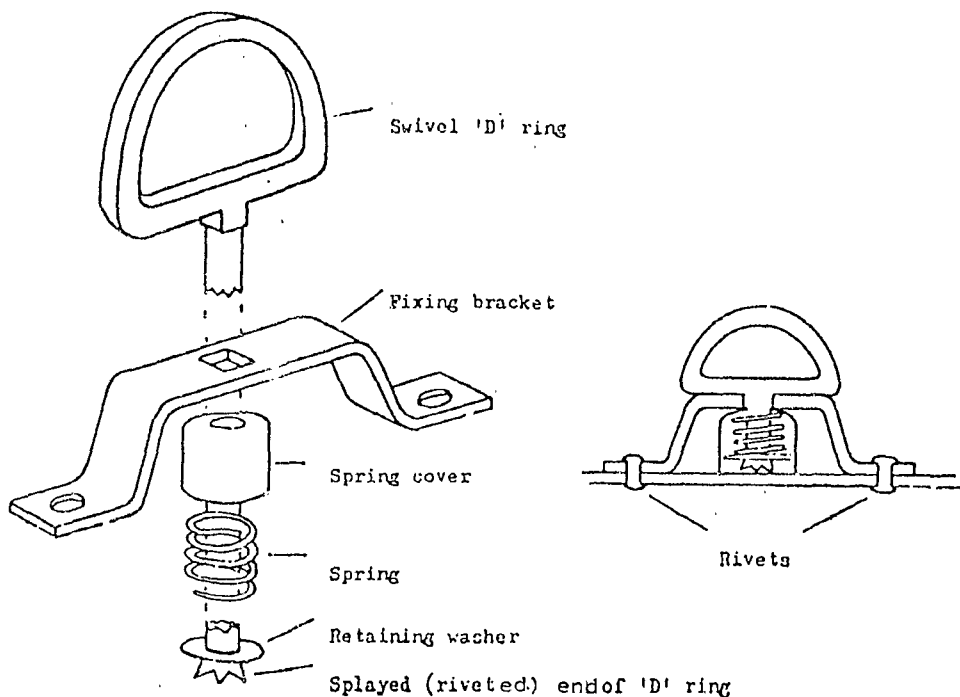
For the phrase “surrounded by six strands” in the present text of Explanatory Note 4.4.8.-1, substitute “surrounded by at least four strands”.

* An Explanatory Note 4.2.1. (c)-1(e) was adopted by the Administrative Committee at its First Meeting (see the Report of the Committee on its First Meeting, Annex I to Doc. 27.370).

** An Explanatory Note 4.4.6. (a)-2 was adopted by the Administrative Committee at its First Meeting (see the Report of the Committee on its First Meeting, Annex I to Doc. 27.370).

ANNEX 6

SKETCH NO. 6. EXAMPLE OF A SWIVEL RING ("D" RING)

II. *Amendment to Annex 7 pursuant to Article 21**Annex 7, Article 5*

For the present text of the first sentence of Article 5 of Annex 7, substitute the following text:

"The Customs Co-operation Council shall convene the Committee at a time fixed by the Committee but not less frequently than once every two years and also at the request of the competent administrations of at least five Contracting Parties."

Authentic texts of the amendments: English, French, Russian and Spanish.

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