

PROTOCOL TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE UNIFICATION OF CERTAIN RULES OF LAW RELATING TO BILLS OF LADING, 1968

Parties	Date of signature	Instr of	Date of deposit	Date of entry into force
Argentina	23/02/1968			
Australia		a	16/07/1993	16/10/1993
Belgium	23/02/1968	r	06/09/1978	06/12/1978
Cameroon	26/04/1968			
Canada	23/02/1968			
China, Republic of [4]	23/02/1968			
Congo, Democratic Republic of	23/02/1968			
Croatia		a	28/10/1998	28/01/1999
Denmark [1]	20/11/1975	r	20/11/1975	23/06/1977
Ecuador		a	23/03/1977	23/06/1977
Egypt, Arab Republic of [7]	04/06/1973	r(R)	31/01/1983	30/04/1983
Finland	23/02/1968	r	01/12/1984	01/03/1985
France	04/12/1968	r	10/03/1977	23/06/1977
Georgia		a	20/02/1996	20/05/1996
Germany	23/02/1968			
Greece	23/02/1968	a	23/03/1993	23/06/1993
Holy See	23/02/1968			
Hong Kong [2] [4]		s		01/07/1997
Ireland	15/04/1998			
Italy	23/02/1968	r(R)	22/08/1985	22/11/1985
Japan		a	01/03/1993	01/06/1993
Latvia		a	04/04/2002	04/07/2002
Lebanon [7]		a	19/07/1975	23/06/1977
Liberia	23/02/1968			
Lithuania		a	02/12/2003	02/03/2004
Luxembourg		a	18/02/1991	18/05/1991
Mauritania	23/02/1968			
Mexico		a	20/05/1994	20/08/1994
Myanmar		a	13/08/2020	13/11/2020
Netherlands [6]	05/02/1979	r(R)	26/04/1982	26/07/1982
New Zealand		a	20/12/1994	20/03/1995
Norway	13/04/1973	r	19/03/1974	23/06/1977

Paraguay	30/04/1968			
Philippines	23/02/1968			
Poland [3]	23/02/1968	r(R)	12/02/1980	12/05/1980
Russian Federation				29/07/1999
San Marino		a	06/05/2021	06/08/2021
Singapore		a(R)	25/04/1972	23/06/1977
Spain [5]	23/08/1972	r	06/01/1982	14/02/1984
Sri Lanka		a	21/10/1981	21/01/1982
Sweden	23/02/1968	r	09/12/1974	23/06/1977
Switzerland	23/02/1968	r	11/12/1975	23/06/1977
Syrian Arab Republic		a	01/08/1974	23/06/1977
Tonga		a	13/06/1978	13/09/1978
United Kingdom [2] [3]	23/02/1968	r	01/10/1976	23/06/1977
United States	23/02/1968			
Uruguay	23/02/1968			
Zaire	23/02/1968			

1. Does not apply to the Faroe Islands.

2. Ratification by the United Kingdom was also made for the following: Bermuda, Hong Kong (but see note 4 below) Date of Deposit: 01/11/1980 Entry into force: 01/02/1981 British Antarctic Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands and Dependencies, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Date of Deposit: 20/10/1983 Entry into force: 20/01/1984 Isle of Man Date of Deposit: 01/10/1976 Entry into force: 23/06/1977 Gibraltar Date of Deposit: 22/09/1977 Entry into force: 22/12/1977

3. On 30 April 1997, the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs received a notification by the Republic of Poland, by which the said Republic withdrew its reservation made at the time of signature. As a consequence, the Republic of Poland will now consider itself bound by the application of article VIII.

4. On 4 June 1997 the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs received the following notification from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Kingdom of Belgium: The Protocol to amend the International Convention for the Unification of certain rules of law relating to Bills of Lading done at Brussels on 23 February 1968, which applies to Hong Kong at present, will continue to apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997. Within the above ambit, responsibility for the international rights and obligations of a party to the Convention will be assumed by the government of the People's Republic of China. The Government of the People's Republic of China also declares hereby that it has reservations to Article VIII of the 1968 Protocol.

5. Spain denounced the Convention on 19 January 2011, following ratification of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea, 2008 (Rotterdam Rules). The denunciation will take effect on the date of entry into force of that Convention.

6. Extended to Aruba on 16/06/1986 with effect from 16/09/1986 and to Curacao on 06/02/2014 with effect from 06/05/2014.

7. Ceased to apply on 01/11/1997