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**POSITION AS REGARDS RATIFICATIONS AND ACCESSIONS**

(as at 1 July 2006)

**Customs Convention concerning welfare material for seafarers**

Entered into force : 11 December 1965

CONTRACTING PARTIES	Dates of signature subject to ratification	Dates of signature without reservation or of deposit of instruments of ratification or accession (1)
ALGERIA	-	1969-03-05
AUSTRALIA	1965-09-28	1967-01-09
BELGIUM	-	1966-06-20
COTE D'IVOIRE	1965-06-11	1978-09-26
CROATIA	-	1994-09-29
DENMARK	1965-08-31	1966-05-16 (2)
EGYPT	-	1967-10-20
FIJI	-	- (8)
FINLAND	-	1968-05-17
FRANCE	-	1966-07-06 (3) (6)
GERMANY	1965-06-02	1969-07-11
GREECE	-	1971-01-18 (3)
IRAN (Islamic Rep. of)	-	1970-01-21
IRELAND	-	1967-02-27 (3)
ISRAEL	-	1971-09-13
ITALY	-	1968-03-26 (3)
JAPAN	1965-09-16	1968-06-15
KENYA	-	1967-03-06 (3)
KOREA (Rep. of)	-	1975-10-21
LEBANON	-	1965-08-31

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LUXEMBOURG MADAGASCAR MALTA NETHERLANDS NEW ZEALAND	- 1965-07-12 - - -	1975-02-27 1966-09-30 1966-07-01 1966-11-09 (5) 1965-06-03
NIGER NIGERIA NORWAY PAKISTAN POLAND	- - - - 1965-09-28	1965-07-28 - (7) 1965-09-10 1966-09-27 -
PORTUGAL ROMANIA SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO SIERRA LEONE SLOVENIA	- 1965-09-30 - - -	1967-11-10 (3) 1967-03-07 2001-12-27 1966-09-07 1993-02-23
SOUTH AFRICA SPAIN SWEDEN SWITZERLAND SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	- 1965-09-27 1965-09-28 1965-09-28 -	1965-09-27 1966-10-07 (3) 1966-02-15 1968-08-22 (9) 1975-04-30
TANZANIA TUNISIA TURKEY UGANDA UNITED KINGDOM	- - - - 1965-06-04	1975-12-08 1965-07-14 1991-05-17 1967-06-19 (3) 1966-05-25 (3) (4) (6)
<b>NUMBER OF CONTRACTING PARTIES : 42</b>		

- (1) The Convention entered into force on 11 December 1965, i.e., three months after five States had signed it without reservation. For any other State it enters into force three months after deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession.
- (2) Greenland is to be regarded as territory to which the Convention shall apply only after express notification to that effect has been made; extended to the Faroe Islands from 2 November 1967.
- (3) Under Article 17 of the Convention, have declared that they do not consider themselves bound by the provisions of Article 5.
- (4) Extended on the same date and subject to the same reservation, to Jersey, the Isle of Man and the Bailiwick of Guernsey, extended with effect from 26.11.1966, and subject to the same reservation, to the Solomon Islands, Dominica, Gibraltar, Montserrat and Seychelles and, without reservation, to the Cayman Islands and the Gilbert and Ellice Islands; extended with effect from 1.3.1968 and subject to the same reservation, to Saint Lucia, Virgin Islands, Saint Helena and Saint Vincent; extended with effect from 1 March 1968, without reservation, to Belize.
- (5) Extended to Aruba and to the Netherlands Antilles.
- (6) Extended to the Condominium of the New Hebrides with effect from 5.3.1970, with reservation of Article 5.
- (7) The provisions of the Convention have been applied since 4 November 1969.
- (8) The United Kingdom extended the Convention to Fiji, without reservation, with effect from 26.11.1966.
- (9) Extended to the Principality of Liechtenstein for such time as the Treaty of Customs Union with Switzerland remains in force.

Note: The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Belgium has notified the Secretary General, by a communi

“The Customs Convention concerning Welfare Material for Seafarers, done at Brussels on 1 December 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the Convention), which applies to Macao at present, will continue to apply to the Macao Special Administrative Region with effect from 20 December 1999.

Within the above ambit, the Government of the People's Republic of China will assume the responsibility for the international rights and obligations that places on a Party to the Convention.”

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