



Treaty Series No. 65 (1991)

Protocol of Amendment

to the International Convention on Mutual
Administrative Assistance for the Prevention,
Investigation and Repression of Customs Offences,
Nairobi, 9 June 1977

Brussels, 13 June 1985

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**PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT
TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANCE FOR THE PREVENTION, INVESTIGATION AND REPRESSION
OF CUSTOMS OFFENCES**

The Contracting Parties to the International Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance for the Prevention, Investigation and Repression of Customs Offences, considering that offences against Customs law are prejudicial to the economic, social and fiscal interests of States and to the legitimate interests of trade,

Considering that action against Customs offences can be rendered more effective by co-operation between Customs administrations, and that such co-operation is one of the aims of the Convention establishing a Customs Co-operation Council,

Considering that it is desirable for such co-operation to take place between Customs administrations, whether or not they are administrations of Members of the Customs Co-operation Council,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Paragraph 1 of Article 15 of the International Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance for the Prevention, Investigation and Repression of Customs Offences adopted by the Customs Co-operation Council at its 49th/50th Sessions in Nairobi, Kenya in June 1977¹ (hereinafter referred to as the Convention) shall be replaced by the following text:

“ Any State Member of the Council and any State Member of the United Nations or its specialized agencies may become a Contracting Party to this Convention:

- (a) by signing it without reservation of ratification;
- (b) by depositing an instrument of ratification after signing it subject to ratification;
or
- (c) by acceding to it.”

ARTICLE 2

1. The present Protocol shall be open for acceptance until 31 December 1985^{2, 3} by the Contracting Parties to the Convention.
2. The instruments of acceptance shall be deposited with the Secretary General of the Council.

ARTICLE 3

1. The present Protocol and the amendment therein to the Convention shall enter into force one month from the date on which the instruments of acceptance of all Contracting Parties have been deposited with the Secretary General of the Council.
2. After the fulfilment of the condition for entry into force of the Protocol, a State wishing to become a Contracting Party to the Convention shall state in its instrument of accession or ratification that it fully accepts the Protocol. For that State, the Protocol will enter into force simultaneously with the Convention.
3. Any State becoming a Contracting Party to the Convention after the entry into force of the present Protocol shall be a Contracting Party to the Convention as amended by the Protocol.

¹ Treaty Series No. 10 (1984), Cmnd 9153.

² This date was amended twice, the last time being changed to read 30 June 1989.

³ The Protocol entered into force on 27 July 1989.

In witness whereof the undersigned, having been duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Protocol.

Done at Brussels, this 13th day of June 1985, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic, in a single original which shall be deposited with the Secretary General of the Council who shall transmit certified copies thereof to all the States referred to in paragraph 1 of the Article 15 of the Convention as amended by Article 1 of the Protocol.

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