

**AUSTRIA, BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION,
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DENMARK, FRANCE, etc.**

**Agreement providing for the provisional application of the
Draft International Customs Conventions on Touring, on
Commercial Road Vehicles and on the International Trans-
port of Goods by Road (with Additional Protocol). Signed
at Geneva, on 16 June 1949**

*French and English official texts. The registration ex officio took place on
1 January 1950.*

**AUTRICHE,
UNION ÉCONOMIQUE BELGO-LUXEMBOURGEOISE,
TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE, DANEMARK, FRANCE, etc.**

**Accord relatif à l'application provisoire des projets de conven-
tions douanières internationales sur le tourisme, sur les
véhicules routiers commerciaux et sur le transport interna-
tional des marchandises par la route (avec Protocole addi-
tionnel). Signé à Genève, le 16 juin 1949**

*Textes officiels français et anglais. L'enregistrement d'office a eu lieu le 1^{er} jan-
vier 1950.*

No. 696. AGREEMENT¹ PROVIDING FOR THE PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF THE DRAFT INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS CONVENTIONS ON TOURING, ON COMMERCIAL ROAD VEHICLES AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT ON GOODS BY ROAD. SIGNED AT GENEVA, ON 16 JUNE 1949

WHEREAS the Economic Commission for Europe has prepared a Draft International Customs Convention on Touring², a Draft International Customs Convention on Commercial Road Vehicles³ and a Draft Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods by Road⁴ (hereinafter referred to as "the Draft Conventions") the texts of which are annexed to this Agreement and form an integral part thereof,

WHEREAS the United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport, which will meet at Geneva on 23 August 1949⁵, will consider the question of the conditions under which world-wide Conventions dealing with the subject matters of these Draft Conventions might be concluded,

WHEREAS the Governments which are parties to the present Agreement desire, pending the coming into force of such world-wide Conventions, to give early effect to the provisions of the Draft Conventions, THE GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

¹ Came into force on 1 January 1950, in accordance with article III.

States parties to the Agreement:

AUSTRIA

Only in respect of the Draft International Customs Convention on Touring and the Draft International Customs Convention on Commercial Road Vehicles.

DENMARK

FRANCE

ITALY

LIECHTENSTEIN

In a notification received by the Secretariat of the United Nations on 6 December 1949, the Federal Political Department of the Swiss Confederation, referring to article II of the Agreement, declared that, as the Principality of Liechtenstein forms part of the Customs territory of the Confederation, the provisions of the draft conventions will also apply to it.

NORWAY

SWITZERLAND

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Only in respect of the Draft International Customs Convention on Touring and the Draft International Customs Convention on Commercial Road Vehicles.

² See page 163.

³ See page 213.

⁴ See page 237.

⁵ See note page 159.

Article I

The Contracting Governments undertake to apply on a reciprocal basis the provisions of the Draft Conventions. Nevertheless, at the time of signature or accession each Contracting Government shall have the right to declare that such signature or accession applies only to one or two of the Draft Conventions which shall be specified. Any Contracting Government whose signature or accession does not apply to all three of the Draft Conventions may, at any time, by notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, declare that such signature or accession covers any other of the Draft Conventions.

Article II

1. Signature of, or accession to, this Agreement, without a declaration to the contrary at the time of signature or accession, shall be regarded as having effect for the metropolitan territory only of the Contracting Government concerned.

2. A Contracting Government may at any time, by notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, declare that the present Agreement shall extend to any of the other territories for which it has international responsibility. The Contracting Government concerned shall state whether such extension applies to one or more of the Draft Conventions which shall be specified.

Article III

1. The present Agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 1950.

2. It shall be regarded as terminated if at any time the number of the Contracting Governments is less than two.

3. It will remain in force for a period of three years but, unless the Contracting Governments agree otherwise, it will be regarded, at the end of that period, as having been renewed for a further period of one year, and so on in the future.

Article IV

1. Any Contracting Government may denounce the present Agreement by notice in writing to the Secretary-General of the United Nations at least three months before the expiry of any of the periods mentioned in Article III. Such denunciation may relate to each of the Draft Conventions or only to one or two of them.

2. Any Government which has made a declaration under article II, extending the present Agreement, may at any time thereafter, by notifica-

tion given to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, declare that the Agreement shall cease to extend to any territory named in the notification, and the Agreement shall cease to extend to such territory three months from the date of the receipt of such notification.

Article V

In the event that the world-wide Conventions contemplated in the second paragraph of the Preamble should be concluded and upon their entry into force, any Government party to this Agreement which becomes a party to one or more of those Conventions shall automatically be regarded as having denounced the present Agreement with respect to the Draft Convention or Conventions corresponding to any of those Conventions to which that Government has become a party.

Article VI

The present Agreement shall remain open until 31 December 1949 for signature by the Governments invited to take part in the preparation of the Draft Conventions.¹ After that date, the said Governments may accede to it.

Article VII

The present Agreement shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations who shall transmit to all Contracting Governments a certified true copy of the Agreement and also of all accessions, denunciations or notifications addressed to him. The Secretary-General is authorised to register the present Agreement upon its entry into force.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Geneva in a single copy in the English and French languages, both texts authentic, on the sixteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

¹ The following States were invited to take part in the preparation of the draft conventions:

Albania	Hungary	Roumania
Austria	Iceland	Sweden
Belgium	Iraq	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Ireland	Syria
Byelorussian SSR	Italy	Transjordan
Czechoslovakia	Lebanon	Turkey
Denmark	Luxembourg	Ukrainian SSR
Egypt	Netherlands	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Finland	Norway	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
France	Poland	United States of America
Greece	Portugal	Yugoslavia

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL

On proceeding to sign the Agreement on the temporary application of the draft International Customs Conventions on Touring, on Commercial Road Vehicles and on the International Transport of Goods by Road, the undersigned, duly authorised by their respective Governments, declare that:

1. Should the conclusion of the world-wide conventions contemplated in the second paragraph of the Preamble¹ not be recommended by the United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport, or be delayed, the Contracting Governments would be prepared to leave the present Agreement open to subsequent accession by Governments invited to that Conference which may wish to become parties to the present Agreement.

2. In order to avoid difficulties which might arise as a result of changes made in the present form of the temporary importation papers, the Contracting Governments will continue to consider as valid those documents at present in use until the new forms of documents are generally adopted.

¹ The United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport, held at Geneva from 23 August 1949 to 19 September 1949, prepared and opened for signature a Convention on Road Traffic, a Protocol on Road Signs and Signals and a Protocol on the interpretation of chapter VII with respect to the accession to the Convention of countries or territories at present occupied. The Conference among certain other decisions adopted the following resolution:

“The United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport,

“(a) *Considering* the work that has already been done, is in progress and may be undertaken in future under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe and similar bodies

“*Recommends* that the Transport and Communications Commission review periodically the progress of this work and any other developments concerning international road transport and on the basis of these reviews advise the Economic and Social Council on what further international action is desirable whether by Conference or otherwise, and

“(b) *Considering* the statement made by the representative of the “Comité général de l'Alliance internationale de tourisme et de la Fédération internationale de l'automobile” about the desirability of securing a wider adherence to the draft International Customs Convention on Touring, prepared under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe,

“*Requests* the Secretary-General to bring to the notice of States the additional Protocol to the Agreement providing for the Provisional Application of the Draft International Customs Conventions on Touring, on Commercial Road Vehicles and on the International Transport of Goods by Road, signed at Geneva on 16 June 1949.”