

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO FACILITATE THE IMPORTATION
OF COMMERCIAL SAMPLES AND ADVERTISING MATERIAL
DONE AT GENEVA ON 7 NOVEMBER 1952

Report by the Director-General

Since the last report (L/7411) Croatia has acceded to the International Convention to Facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Material. According to the information received from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Convention is now applicable to the following countries:

Participants	Ratification¹ accession (a), succession (d)	Participants	Ratification¹ accession (a) succession (d)
Australia	6 Jan 1956 a	Japan	2 Aug 1955 a
Austria	8 June 1956 a	Kenya	3 Sept 1965 a
Belgium	28 Aug 1957	Liechtenstein ³	16 June 1975
Bosnia and Herzegovina	12 Jan 1994 d	Luxembourg	9 Sept 1957 a
Canada	12 June 1974 a	Malaysia	21 Aug 1958 d
Croatia	31 Aug 1994 d	Malta	27 June 1968 d
Cuba	26 April 1976 a	Mauritius	18 July 1969 d
Cyprus	16 May 1963 d	Netherlands	3 May 1955 a
Czech Republic	2 June 1993 d	New Zealand	19 April 1957 a
Denmark	5 Oct 1955 a	Nigeria	26 June 1961 d
Egypt	29 Sept 1955 a	Norway	2 Nov 1954 a
Fiji	31 Oct 1972 d	Pakistan	12 Oct 1953 a
Finland	27 May 1954 a	Poland	18 Feb 1960 a
France	7 Feb 1964 a	Portugal	24 Sept 1956 a
Germany ²	2 Sept 1955	Republic of Korea	12 June 1978 a
Ghana	7 April 1958 d	Romania	15 Nov 1968 a
Greece	10 Feb 1955	Rwanda	1 Dec 1964 d
Guinea	8 May 1962 a	Sierra Leone	13 March 1962 d
Haiti	12 Feb 1958 a	Singapore	7 June 1966 d
Hungary	3 June 1957 a	Slovakia	28 May 1993 d
Iceland	28 April 1977 a	Slovenia	3 Nov 1992 d
India ²	3 Aug 1954 a	Spain	9 Sept 1954 a
Indonesia	21 April 1954 a	Sri Lanka	28 Oct 1959 a
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	11 June 1970 a	Sweden	23 Feb 1955
Ireland	23 April 1959 a	Switzerland ³	4 Dec 1954 a
Israel	8 Oct 1957 a	Tonga	11 Nov 1977 d
Italy	20 Feb 1958 a	Trinidad and Tobago	11 April 1966 d
Jamaica	11 Nov 1963 d	Turkey	8 Dec 1956 a

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Uganda ⁴	15 April 1965 a	United States of America ⁵	17 Sept 1957
United Kingdom ⁵	21 Oct 1955	Yugoslavia	29 May 1956 a
United Rep. of Tanzania ⁶	28 Nov 1962 a	Zaire	31 May 1962 d

Note: The Convention was drawn up by the Contracting Parties to the GATT at its seventh session, held in November 1952, (BISD1/94), and deposited with the Secretary General of the United Nations. The proposal for the conclusion of such a convention was referred to the Contracting Parties to the GATT by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in resolution 347 (XII) of 7 March 1951. It entered into force on 20 November 1955 and has been open for accession by contracting parties to the GATT, state members of the United Nations and by the Government of any other state to which the Secretary General of the United Nations shall have communicated a copy of the Convention for this purpose.

¹ For a comprehensive list of declarations and reservations see relevant pages of *Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary General* (ST/LEG/SER.E/12, New York, 1993).

² Reservations by Germany and India are given in document L/253.

³ On 16 June 1975 the Government of Switzerland declared that the provisions of the Convention apply to the Principality of Liechtenstein so long as it is linked to Switzerland by a customs union treaty.

⁴ Uganda made the reservation that it will not be bound by Article V.

⁵ Territories to which the Convention is or is not applicable are given in document L/539/Add 2 and 7.

⁶ Tanzania made the reservation that it will not be bound by Article V.