



The Secretary
General

14.FL-0265E/T.O.

Brussels, 15 May 2014.

Dear Director General,

In my capacity as Depository for the Convention on Temporary Admission (Istanbul Convention), I am writing to inform you that no objection to the recommended amendments was notified during the period of twelve months following the date of previous letter (Reference Number : 13.FL-0178E/T.O).

In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 32 of the Istanbul Convention, the recommended amendments shall enter into force in respect of all Contracting Parties six months after the expiry of the twelve-month period. Therefore, the amendments will come into effect on 3 November 2014.

The following two recommended amendments were approved by the Administrative Committee of the Istanbul Convention and communicated in our previous letter.

1. Electronic data-processing techniques

The recommended amendment regarding electronic data-processing techniques proposes that the following new Article be inserted in Chapter IV of the Istanbul Convention.

Electronic data-processing techniques

Article 21a

All formalities necessary for implementing the provisions of this Convention may be carried out electronically by using electronic data-processing techniques approved by the Contracting Parties.

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2. Marking of containers

The recommended amendment regarding the marking of containers proposes the following changes to Appendix II to Annex B.3. to the Istanbul Convention (Provisions concerning the marking of containers). A comparison between the current text and the recommended amendment is appended to this letter.

(1) The current paragraph 1 is replaced with the following new paragraph:

1. The following information shall be durably marked in an appropriate and clearly visible place on containers:

- (a) the identification of the owner or principal operator, which may be shown either by its full name or by an established identification system, symbols such as emblems or flags being excluded;
- (b) the identification marks and numbers of the container, given by the owner or principal operator; and
- (c) the tare weight of the container, including all its permanently fixed equipment.

(2) The following paragraph is inserted as a new paragraph 2:

2. For freight containers generally considered for maritime use, or for any other container utilizing an ISO standard prefix (i.e. four capital letters ending in U), the identification of the owner or principal operator and the container serial number and check digit of the container shall adhere to the International Standard ISO 6346 and its annexes.

(3) The current paragraph 2 becomes paragraph 3. The current paragraph 3 becomes paragraph 4. There are no changes to the texts of the new paragraphs 3 and 4.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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