# ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

# CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION FOR PRIVATE USE OF AIRCRAFT AND PLEASURE BOATS

and

PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE

Done at Geneva on 18 May 1956



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#### Preamble

#### THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

- HAVING REGARD 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, done at Geneva on 16 June 1949, and in particular, to Article V of the Agreement, which provides that in the event that world-wide conventions dealing with the subject matter of the draft conventions provisionally applied by the Agreement "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";
- HAVING REGARD TO the Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring and the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles, both done at New York on 4 June 1954;
- CONSIDERING that unlike the Draft International Customs Convention on Touring brought into provisional application by the Agreement of 16 June 1949, the said Conventions contain no provision concerning temporary duty-free importation of aircraft and pleasure boats other than kayaks and canoes in use and under 5.5metres in length;
- DESIRING to facilitate the development of international touring by means of aircraft and pleasure boats;

HAVE agreed as follows:

#### Chapter I

#### **DEFINITIONS**

#### Article 1

For the purpose of this Convention:

- (a) the term "import duties and import taxes" shall mean not only Customs duties but also all duties and taxes whatever chargeable by reason of importation;
- (b) the term "boats" shall mean all pleasure boats and pleasure vessels with or without engines together with their spare parts, and their normal accessories and equipment when imported with the boats or vessels;
- (c) the term "aircraft" shall mean all aircraft with or without engines together with their spare parts and their normal accessories and equipment when imported with the aircraft;
- (d) the term "private use" shall mean the use of aircraft or boats, by their owners or by persons who have possession or control of them, whether on hire or otherwise, for non-commercial purposes and, in particular, for purposes other than the transport of persons for remuneration, reward or other consideration or the industrial and commercial transport of goods with or without remuneration;
- (e) the term "temporary importation papers" shall mean the Customs document identifying the aircraft or boat and providing evidence of the guarantee or deposit of import duties and import taxes;
- (f) the term "persons" shall mean both natural and legal persons unless the context otherwise requires.

#### Chapter II

# TEMPORARY IMPORTATION WITHOUT PAYMENT OF IMPORT DUTIES AND IMPORT TAXES AND FREE OF IMPORT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

#### Article 2

1. Each of the Contracting Parties shall grant temporary admission without payment of import duties and import taxes and free of import prohibitions and restrictions, subject to re-exportation and to the other conditions laid down in this Convention, to aircraft and boats owned by persons normally resident outside its territory which are imported and utilized, for their private use on the occasion of a temporary visit, either by the owners of the aircraft or boats or by other persons normally resident outside its territory.

2. Such aircraft and boats shall be covered by temporary importation papers guaranteeing payment of import duties and import taxes, and if the case should arise, of any Customs penalties incurred, subject to the special provision of paragraph 4 of Article 27.

#### Article 3

The fuel contained in the supply tanks of aircraft and boats temporarily imported shall be admitted without payment of import duties and import taxes and free of import prohibitions and restrictions, provided that the supply tanks are of normal capacity, are located in the usual places and are connected to the engine, it being understood that the fuel contained in these tanks is intended exclusively for consumption by the aircraft or boat.

#### Article 4

- 1. Component parts imported for the repair of a particular aircraft or boat already temporarily imported shall be admitted temporarily without payment of import duties and import taxes and free of import prohibitions and restrictions. Contracting Parties may require these parts to be covered by temporary importation papers.
- 2. Replaced parts which are not re-exported shall be liable to import duties and import taxes except where, in conformity with the regulations of the country concerned, they may be abandoned free of all expense to the Exchequer or destroyed, under official supervision, at the expense of the parties concerned.

#### Article 5

Temporary importation papers sent to associations authorized to issue the papers in question by the corresponding foreign associations, by international organizations or by the Customs authorities of the Contracting Parties, shall be admitted without payment of import duties and import taxes and free of import prohibitions and restrictions.

#### Chapter III

#### ISSUE OF TEMPORARY IMPORTATION PAPERS

#### Article 6

1. Subject to such guarantees and under such conditions as it may determine, each Contracting Party may authorize associations, such as those affiliated to an international organization, to issue either directly or through corresponding associations the temporary importation papers covered by this Convention.

- 2. Temporary importation papers may be valid for a single country or Customs territory or for several countries or Customs territories.
- 3. The period of validity of these papers shall not exceed one year from the date of issue.

- 1. Temporary importation papers valid for the territories of all or several of the Contracting Parties shall be known as <u>carnets de passages en douane</u> and shall conform in respect of aircraft to the standard form contained in Annex 1, and, in respect of boats, to the standard form contained in Annex 2, to this Convention.
- 2. If a <u>carnet de passages en douane</u> is not valid for one or several territories, the issuing association shall indicate the fact on the cover and on the importation vouchers of the <u>carnet</u>.
- 3. Temporary importation papers intended for boats and valid only for the territory of a single Contracting Party may conform to the standard form contained in Annex 3 to this Convention. Contracting Parties may also use other documents, in accordance with their legislation or regulations.
- 4. The period of validity of temporary importation papers other than those issued by authorized associations as provided for in Article 6 shall be laid down by each Contracting Party in accordance with its legislation or regulations.
- 5. Each Contracting Party shall, upon request, supply the other Contracting Parties with models of temporary importation papers valid for its territory, other than those appearing in the Annexes to this Convention.

#### Chapter IV

#### PARTICULARS ON TEMPORARY IMPORTATION PAPERS

#### Article 8

Temporary importation papers issued by authorized associations shall be made out in the name of the persons who own the aircraft or boats temporarily imported or who have the possession or control of them. When such papers, issued in respect of hired aircraft or boats are made out in the name of the person letting out on hire, the words "ON HIRE TO …" followed by the name and the address of the normal residence in a foreign country of the person concerned, shall, when the Customs authorities of the country of temporary importation so require, be inserted on all counterfoils and vouchers used in connection with the journeys of the person taking the aircraft or boat on hire.

- 1. The weight to be declared on temporary importation papers is the net weight of aircraft or boats. It shall be expressed in the metric system. In the case of papers valid for one country only, the Customs authorities of that country may prescribe the use of another system.
- 2. The value to be declared on temporary importation papers valid for one country only shall be expressed in the currency of that country. The value to be declared on a <u>carnet de</u> passages en douane shall be expressed in the currency of the country where the carnet is issued.
- 3. The articles and tool-kit which form the normal equipment of aircraft or boats need not be specially declared on the temporary importation papers.
- 4. When the Customs authorities so require, spare parts and accessories not considered as constituting the normal equipment of the aircraft or boat shall be declared on the temporary importation papers with the necessary particulars (such as weight and value) and shall be produced on exit from the country visited.

#### Article 10

Any particulars inserted on temporary importation papers by the issuing association may be altered only with the approval of the issuing or guaranteeing association. No alteration to the papers may be made after they have been passed by the Customs authorities of the country of importation except with the consent of those authorities.

#### Chapter V

#### CONDITIONS OF TEMPORARY IMPORTATION

#### Article 11

1. Aircraft and boats admitted under cover of temporary importation papers may be used, for their private use, by third persons duly authorized by the holders of the papers, provided that those third persons normally reside outside the country of importation and also fulfil the other conditions laid down in this Convention. The Customs authorities of the Contracting Parties shall have the right to require evidence that such third persons have been duly authorized by the holders of the papers and fulfil the aforesaid conditions. If this evidence does not appear sufficient, the Customs authorities may refuse use of these aircraft and boats in their country under cover of the papers. In the case of aircraft or boats which have been hired, each Contracting Party may require that the person taking the aircraft or boat on hire be present at the time of importation of the aircraft or boat.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Customs authorities of the Contracting Parties may permit, under conditions of which they shall be the sole judges, an aircraft or boat circulating under cover of temporary importation papers to be manned by a crew composed of persons who are normally resident in the country of importation, in particular when the crew of the aircraft or boat acts on behalf of or under instructions from the holder of the temporary importation papers.

#### Article 12

- 1. Aircraft or boats mentioned in temporary importation papers shall be re-exported in the same general state, except for wear and tear, within the period of validity of such papers. In the case of aircraft or boats which have been hired, the Customs authorities of the Contracting Parties shall have the right to require the re-exportation of the aircraft or boat as soon as the hirer has left the country of temporary importation.
- 2. Evidence of re-exportation shall be provided by the exit visa properly appended to the temporary importation papers by the Customs authorities of the country into which the aircraft or boat was temporarily imported.
- 3. Contracting Parties may, however, make the discharge of temporary importation papers for aircraft subject to proof of the arrival of the aircraft in foreign territory.

#### Article 13

- 1. Notwithstanding the requirement of re-exportation laid down in Article 12, the re-exportation of badly damaged aircraft or boats shall not be required, in the case of duly authenticated accidents, provided that the aircraft or boats:
  - (a) are subjected to the import duties and import taxes to which they are liable; or
  - (b) are abandoned free of all expense to the Exchequer of the country into which they were imported temporarily; or
  - (c) are destroyed, under official supervision, at the expense of the parties concerned, any salvaged parts and materials being subjected to the import duties and import taxes to which they are liable,

as the Customs authorities may require.

2. When an aircraft or boat temporarily imported cannot be re-exported as a result of a seizure, other than a seizure made at the suit of private persons, the requirement of re-exportation within the period of validity of the temporary importation papers shall be suspended for the duration of the seizure.

3. The Customs authorities shall notify, so far as possible, to the guaranteeing association, seizures made by or on behalf of those Customs authorities of aircraft or boats admitted under cover of temporary importation papers guaranteed by that association and shall advise it of the measures they intend to take.

#### Article 14

An aircraft or boat imported into the territory of one of the Contracting Parties under cover of temporary importation papers may not be used, even incidentally, for transport against remuneration, reward or other consideration between points within the frontiers of that territory or outwards from that territory. It may not be hired out after importation and if it was imported on hire it may not be re-hired to any person other than the person who hired it originally.

#### Article 15

Persons entitled to temporary importation facilities may, during the period of validity of temporary importation papers, import the aircraft or boats covered by those papers as often as necessary, on condition that they have each passage (entry and exit) established by a visa of the Customs officers concerned if the Customs authorities so require. Temporary importation papers may however be made valid for a single journey only.

#### Article 16

When temporary importation papers without detachable vouchers for each passage are used for boats, the visas given by the Customs officers between the first entry and the final exit shall be provisional. Nevertheless, when the last visa is a provisional exit visa, it shall be admitted as proof of the re-exportation of the boat or component parts temporarily imported.

#### Article 17

When temporary importation papers with a detachable voucher for each passage are used, each entry visa implies the passing of the document by the Customs authorities, and each subsequent exit visa constitutes its final discharge, except as provided in Article 18.

#### Article 18

When the Customs authorities of a country have finally and unconditionally discharged temporary importation papers they can no longer claim from the guaranteeing association payment of import duties and import taxes, unless the certificate of discharge was obtained improperly or fraudulently.

Visas on temporary importation papers used under the conditions laid down in this Convention shall not be subject to the payment of charges for Customs attendance, provided such visas are issued at a Customs office or post during athorized hours.

#### Chapter VI

# EXTENSION OF VALIDITY AND RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY IMPORTATION PAPERS

#### Article 20

The lack of proof of re-exportation within the time allowed of aircraft or boats temporarily imported shall be disregarded when the aircraft or boats are presented to the Customs authorities for re-exportation within fourteen days from the expiry of the papers and satisfactory explanations of the delay are given.

#### Article 21

Each of the Contracting Parties shall recognize as valid extensions of validity of <u>carnets</u> <u>de passages en douane</u> granted by another Contracting State in accordance with the procedure laid down in Annex 4 to this Convention.

#### Article 22

- 1. Requests for extension of validity of temporary importation papers shall be presented to the competent Customs authorities before the expiry of the period of validity of these papers, unless this is rendered impossible by <u>force majeure</u>. If the temporary importation papers have been issued by an authorized association, the request for extension shall be made by the association which guarantees the papers.
- 2. Extensions of time necessary for the re-exportation of aircraft or boats or component parts imported temporarily shall be granted when the persons concerned can establish to the satisfaction of the Customs authorities that they are prevented by <u>force majeure</u> from re-exporting the said aircraft, boats or component parts within the time allowed.

#### Article 23

Each of the Contracting Parties shall, unless the conditions of temporary admission are no longer satisfied, authorize, subject to whatever measures of control it may consider necessary, the renewal of temporary importation papers issued by the authorized associations and relating to aircraft, boats or component parts temporarily imported into its territory. Requests for renewal shall be presented by the guaranteeing association.

#### Chapter VII

#### REGULARIZATION OF TEMPORARY IMPORTATION PAPERS

#### Article 24

- 1. If temporary importation papers have not been regularly discharged, the Customs authorities of the country of importation shall (whether the papers have expired or not) accept as evidence of re-exportation of the aircraft, boats or component parts the presentation of a certificate based on the standard form shown in Annex 5 to this Convention, issued by an official authority (consul, Customs, police, mayor, judicial officer, etc.), attesting the facts that the aircraft, boat or component parts in question have been presented to it and are outside the country of importation. The said Customs authorities may also accept any other documentary evidence that the aircraft, boat or component parts are outside the country of importation. In the case of papers, other than <u>carnets de passages en douane</u>, which have not expired, the said Customs authorities may required the papers to be surrendered to them before the date on which the aircraft or boat in question was certified to be outside the country of temporary importation. In the case of <u>carnets</u>, account shall be taken, as evidence of re-exportation of the aircraft, boats, or component parts, of the visas entered thereon by the Customs authorities of countries subsequently visited.
- 2. In the case of the destruction, loss or theft of temporary importation papers not regularly discharged but relating to aircraft, boats or component parts which have been re-exported, the Customs authorities of the country of importation shall accept as proof of re-exportation the presentation of certificates based on the standard form shown in Annex 5 to this Convention issued by an official authority (consul, Customs, police, mayor, judicial officer, etc.), attesting the facts that the aircraft, boats or component parts in question have been presented to it and are outside the country of importation after the date of expiry of the papers. They may also accept any other documentary evidence that the aircraft, boats or component parts are outside the country of temporary importation.
- 3. In the case of the destruction, loss or theft of <u>carnets de passages en douane</u> while aircraft, boats or component parts to which they refer are in the territory of one of the Contracting Parties, the Customs authorities of that Party shall, at the request of the association concerned, accept replacement documents the validity of which shall expire on the date of expiry of the validity of the <u>carnets</u> which they replace. This acceptance will annul the previous

acceptance of the <u>carnets</u> destroyed, lost or stolen. If, instead of replacement documents, export licences or similar documents are issued for the re-exportation of the aircraft, boats or component parts, the exit visas on these licences or documents shall be considered as sufficient proof of re-exportation.

4. If aircraft or boats are stolen after having been re-exported from the country of importation, without the exit having been regularly endorsed on the temporary importation papers and in the absence of entry visas on the papers entered thereon by the Customs authorities of countries subsequently visited, the papers may nevertheless be regularized provided that the guaranteeing association furnishes the papers together with such evidence of theft as may be considered sufficient. If the temporary importation papers have not expired, the Customs authorities may require their surrender.

#### Article 25

In the cases referred to in Article 24, the Customs authorities shall have the right to charge a regularization fee.

#### Article 26

Customs authorities shall not have the right to require from the guaranteeing association payment of import duties and import taxes on aircraft, boats or component parts temporarily imported when the non-discharge of the temporary importation papers has not been notified to the guaranteeing association within one year of the date of expiry of the validity of those papers.

#### Article 27

- 1. The guaranteeing associations shall have a period of one year from the date of notification of the non-discharge of temporary importation papers in which to furnish proof of the re-exportation of the aircraft, boats or component parts in question under the conditions laid down in this Convention.
- 2. If such proof is not furnished within the time allowed, the guaranteeing association shall forthwith deposit or pay provisionally the import duties and import taxes payable. This deposit or payment shall become final after a period of one year from the date of the deposit or provisional payment. During the latter period, the guaranteeing association may still avail itself of the facilities provided by the preceding paragraph with a view to repayment of the sums deposited or paid.

- 3. For countries whose regulations do not provide for the deposit or provisional payment of import duties and import taxes, payments made in conformity with the provisions of the preceding paragraph will be regarded as final, it being understood that the sums paid may be refunded when the conditions laid down in this article are fulfilled.
- 4. In the case of the non-discharge of temporary importation papers, the guaranteeing association shall not be required to pay a sum greater than the total of the import duties and import taxes applicable to the aircraft, boats or component parts not re-exported, together with interest if applicable.

The provisions of this Convention do not affect the right of the Contracting Parties, in the event of fraud, contravention or abuse, to take proceedings against holders of, or the persons using, temporary importation papers, for the recovery of the import duties and import taxes and also to impose any penalties to which such persons have rendered themselves liable. In such cases, the guaranteeing associations shall lend their assistance to the Customs authorities.

#### Chapter VIII

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### Article 29

The Contracting Parties shall endeavour not to introduce Customs procedures which might have the effect of impeding the development of international touring.

#### Article 30

Any breach of the provisions of this Convention, any substitution, false declaration or act having the effect of causing a person or an article improperly to benefit from the system of importation laid down in this Convention, may render the offender liable in the country where the offence was committed to the penalties prescribed by the laws of that country.

#### Article 31

Nothing in this Convention shall prevent Contracting Parties which form a Customs or economic union from enacting special provisions applicable to persons normally resident in the countries forming that union.

Nothing in this Convention shall be deemed to prejudice the right of each Contracting Party to apply import prohibitions or restrictions based on considerations other than economic in character, for example considerations of public morality, public security, public health or hygiene.

#### Chapter IX

#### FINAL PROVISIONS

#### Article 33

- 1. Countries members of the Economic Commission for Europe and countries admitted to the Commission in a consultative capacity under paragraph 8 of the Commission's Terms of Reference, may become Contracting Parties to this Convention:
  - (a) by signing it;
  - (b) by ratifying it after signing it subject to ratification;
  - (c) by acceding to it.
- 2. Such countries as may participate in certain activities of the Economic Commission for Europe in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Commission's Terms of Reference may become Contracting Parties to this Convention by acceding thereto after its entry into force.
- 3. The Convention shall be open for signature until 31 August 1956 inclusive. Thereafter, it shall be open for accession.
- 4. Ratification or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations

#### Article 34

- 1. This Convention shall come into force on the ninetieth day after five of the countries referred to in article 33, paragraph 1, have signed it without reservation of ratification or have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession.
- 2. For any country ratifying or acceding to it after five countries have signed it without reservation of ratification or have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession, this Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the said country has deposited its instrument of ratification or accession.

#### Article 35

1. Any Contracting Party may denounce this Convention by so notifying the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

- 2. Denunciation shall take effect fifteen months after the date of receipt by the Secretary-General of the notification of denunciation.
- 3. The validity of temporary importation papers issued before the date when the denunciation takes effect shall not be affected thereby and the guarantee of the association shall hold good. Extensions granted in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 21 of this Convention shall similarly remain valid.

This Convention shall cease to have effect if, for any period of twelve consecutive months after its entry into force, the number of Contracting Parties is less than five.

#### Article 37

- 1. Any country may, at the time of signing this Convention without reservation of ratification or of depositing its instrument of ratification or accession or at any time thereafter, declare by notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that this Convention shall extend to all or any of the territories for the international relations of which it is responsible. The Convention shall extend to the territory or territories named in the notification as from the ninetieth day after its receipt by the Secretary-General or, if on that day the Convention has not yet entered into force, at the time of its entry into force.
- 2. Any country which has made a declaration under the preceding paragraph extending this Convention to any territory for whose international relations it is responsible may denounce the Convention separately in respect of that territory in accordance with the provisions of Article 35.

#### Article 38

- 1. Any dispute between two or more Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention shall so far as possible be settled by negotiation between them.
- 2. Any dispute which is not settled by negotiation shall be submitted to arbitration if any one of the Contracting Parties in dispute so requests and shall be referred accordingly to one or more arbitrators selected by agreement between the Parties in dispute. If within three months from the date of the request for arbitration the Parties in dispute are unable to agree on the selection of an arbitrator or arbitrators, any of those Parties may request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to nominate a single arbitrator to whom the dispute shall be referred for decision.
- 3. The decision of the arbitrator or arbitrators appointed under the preceding paragraph shall be binding on the Contracting Parties in dispute.

- 1. Each Contracting Party may, at the time of signing, ratifying, or acceding to, this Convention, declare that it does not consider itself as bound by Article 38 of the Convention. Other Contracting Parties shall not be bound by Article 38 in respect of any Contracting Party which has entered such a reservation.
- 2. Any Contracting Party having entered a reservation as provided for in paragraph 1 may at any time withdraw such reservation by notifying the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- 3. No other reservation to this Convention shall be permitted.

#### Article 40

- 1. After this Convention has been in force for three years, any Contracting Party may, by notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, request that a conference be convened for the purpose of reviewing the Convention. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties of the request and a review conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General if, within a period of four months following the date of notification by the Secretary-General, not less than one third of the Contracting Parties notify him of their concurrence with the request.
- 2. If a conference is convened in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the Secretary-General shall notify all the Contracting Parties and invite them to submit within a period of three months such proposals as they may wish the conference to consider. The Secretary-General shall circulate to all Contracting Parties the provisional agenda for the conference together with the texts of such proposals at least three months before the date on which the conference is to meet.
- 3. The Secretary-General shall invite to any conference convened in accordance with this article all countries referred to in Article 33, paragraph 1, and countries which have become Contracting Parties under Article 33, paragraph 2.

#### Article 41

1. Any Contracting Party may propose one or more amendments to this Convention. The text of any proposed amendments shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations who shall transmit it to all Contracting Parties and inform all other countries referred to in Article 33, paragraph 1.

- 2. Any proposed amendment circulated in accordance with the preceding paragraph shall be deemed to be accepted if no Contracting Party expresses an objection within a period of six months following the date of circulation of the proposed amendment by the Secretary-General.
- 3. The Secretary-General shall, as soon as possible, notify all Contracting Parties whether an objection to the proposed amendment has been expressed. If an objection to the proposed amendment has been expressed, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall be of no effect whatever. If no such objection has been expressed the amendment shall enter into force for all Contracting Parties three months after the expiry of the period of six months referred to in the preceding paragraph.
- 4. Independently of the amendment procedure laid down in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article, the annexes to this Convention may be modified by agreement between the competent Administrations of all the Contracting Parties. The Secretary-General shall fix the date of entry into force of the new texts resulting from such modifications.

In addition to the notifications provided for in articles 40 and 41, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify the countries referred to in Article 33, paragraph 1, and the countries which have become Contracting Parties under Article 33, paragraph 2, of:

- (a) signatures, ratifications and accessions under Article 33;
- (b) the dates of entry into force of this Convention in accordance with Article 34;
- (c) denunciations under Article 35;
- (d) the termination of this Convention in accordance with Article 36;
- (e) notifications received in accordance with Article 37;
- (f) declarations and notifications received in accordance with Article 39, paragraphs 1 and 2;
- (g) the entry into force of any amendment in accordance with Article 41.

#### Article 43

As soon as a country which is a Contracting Party 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 done at Geneva on 16 June 1949 becomes a Contracting Party to this Convention, it shall take the

measures required by Article IV of that Agreement to denounce it as regards the Draft International Customs Convention on Touring, insofar as this denunciation does not already result automatically from Article V of that Agreement.

#### Article 44

The Protocol of Signature of this Convention shall have the same force, effect and duration as the Convention itself of which it shall be considered to be an integral part.

#### Article 45

After 31 August 1956, the original of this Convention shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit certified true copies to each of the countries mentioned in Article 33, paragraphs 1 and 2.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Convention.

DONE at Geneva, this eighteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, in a single copy in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

## Annex 1

## <u>CARNET DE PASSAGES EN DOUANE</u> FOR AN AIRCRAFT

The <u>carnet</u> is issued in French.

The dimensions are 33 x 24 cm.

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4 at the Customs office of	24	took place on	24	
4 at the customs times of	25	at the Customs office of	25	at the Customs office of
5 Custom	26	where this voucher tered under No.	26	where this voucher tered under No
Substitution ( )	27		27	
Ctomn /	21	/ Custom \	21	/ Custom \
Trimin		\ S		\ S \
		Ctomn		Ctamn
6 Customs officer's signature:				
	28	Customs officer's signature:	28	Customs officer's signature:
	29	Voucher to be returned to the Customs office of departure at		29
NB. The Customs office of departure should fill in	1			
				lines 29 and 30 of the adjacent voucher
	່ ວ∪	whore the carnet was registered under No.	1	-

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[Reverse of voucher for departure from country of origin]

[Reverse of voucher for return to country of origin]

[Reverse of counterfoil]

DECLARATION ON EXPORTATION OF AIRCRAFT	DECLARATION ON RE-IMPORTATION OF AIRCRAFT
I, (full name)of (address)undertake that as soon as the aircraft described overleaf	I, (full name) of (address) declare that the aircraft described overleaf has not undergone
additions or repairs to the aircraft (other than ordinary	any alterations, additions or repairs (other than ordinary running repairs) while outside (1)except as follows:
running repairs) carried out abroad. I undertake to produce the aircraft for Customs examination as and when required when it re-enters. I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the information set out overleaf is correct.	Signature of holder
Signature of holder	Insert details of any alterations etc., carried out abroad; if none, delete the words in italics.
Date	
	AUTHORITY I, the undersigned, hereby authorizeto sign on my behalf all
	documents and declarations relating to my aircraft.  Date  Signature of holder
	(A copy of the declaration on exportation could be inserted here)

2	2	2
1 ENTRY COUNTERFOIL	1 EXIT VOUCHER	1 ENTRY VOUCHER
2 Entry into [name of country]	2 Carnet de passages en douane No. $=$ $=$ $=$ $=$	2 <u>Carnet de passages en douane</u> No. ========
3 Of the aircraft described in	3 VALID until	3 VALID until
4 <u>Carnet de passages en douane</u> No. = = = = = =	4 Issued by	4 Issued by
	5 Holder	5 Holder
5 took place on	6 Normal residence	6 Normal residence
	7 Type of aircraft (1)	7 Type of aircraft (1)
6 at the Customs office of	8 Year of construction	8 Year of construction
7	9 Marks (nationality and registration)	9 Marks (nationality and registration)
	10 Value of the aircraft	10 Value of the aircraft
/ Custom \	11 Net weight of the aircraft	11 Net weight of the aircraft
( s )	12 Covering or envelope: material	12 Covering or envelope: material
Ctomn	13 colour	13 colour
	14 Volume in cu.m. or	14 Volume in cu.m. or
8 Customs officer's signature:	15 Wing span, in metres	15 Wing span, in metres
, and the second	16 Engine(s) (Number)	16 Engine(s) (Number)
2	17 (Make)	17 (Make)
	18 (Serial No(s))	18 (Serial No(s))
1 EXIT COUNTERFOIL	19 Radio (indicate make and type)	19 Radio (indicate make and type)
	20 Other particulars, including any	20 Other particulars, including any
2 Departure from [name of country]	special instruments carried	special instruments carried
	21	21
3 took place on	22	22
	23 DEPARTURE from [name of country]	23 ENTRY into [name of country]
4 at the Customs office of	24 took place on	24 took place on
	25 at the Customs office of	25 at the Customs office of
5 Custom	26 where this voucher was registered under No	26 where this voucher was registered under No
\ S \	27	27
Ctomn	Custom	Custom
	c	c c
	Stamp	Stamp /
6 Customs officer's signature:		
	28 Customs officer's signature:	28 Customs officer's signature:
	29 Voucher to be returned to the Customs office of entry at	29 NB. The Customs office of entry should fill in
		lines 29 and 30 of the adjacent voucher
	30 where the carnet was registered under No.	

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# Annex 2 CARNET DE PASSAGES EN DOUANE FOR A PLEASURE BOAT

The <u>carnet</u> is issued in French.

The dimensions are 22 x 27 cm.

The issuing association shall insert its name on each voucher and shall include the initials of the international organization to which it belongs.

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	[International Organization]	
	CARNET DE PASSAGES EN DOUANE	
	FOR A PLEASURE BOAT	
	No. $= = = = = =$	
subject to compliance by the holder du	[Insert the date in red ink] ring this period with the Customs laws and regulations of the countries visited.	
	[BLOCK LETTERS]	
	[BLOCK LETTERS]	
For a boat registered in[town]	under No. [country]	1)
This <u>carnet</u> may be used in the followin		

(1) In the absence of registration number, insert the name or distinctive sign.

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	DESCRIPTION OF BOAT	EXTENSION OF VALIDITY	
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	TYPE OF BOAT (1)  REGISTERED in		
	on condition that the holder re-exports the boat within the specific to the temporary admission of boats in the countries visited und	on	zed
	Holder's signature: Signat	ure of Secretary-General Signature of authoriz	zed

Insert the type: boat with oars or paddles (pleasure or sports), with or without auxiliary engine; canoe, kayak, with or without auxiliary engine; sailing boat, with or (1)

without engine (auxiliary or fixed); motor boat or launch. For boats with engines (auxiliary or other) state whether petrol or diesel engine.

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(2) In the absence of registration number, insert name or distinctive sign.

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1 1 COUNTERFOIL 2 Entry into	1 1 EXIT VOUCHER 2 Of <u>Carnet de passages en douane</u> No. = = = =	1 1 ENTRY VOUCHER 2 Of <u>Carnet de passages en douane</u> No. = = = = =	===
3 Of the boat described in <u>Carnet de passages en douane</u> 4 No. = = = = =	3 VALID until	3 VALID until	
5 took place onletters]	6 Normal residence	6 Normal residence	
6 at the Customs Custom S	7 TYPE OF BOAT (1)	7 TYPE OF BOAT (1)	(2)
8 Customs officer's signature:	14 (number of cylinders	14 (number of cylinders	
9 Exit from	. 19 Net weight of boat in kg	18	
12 Custom S Ctomp	21 Date of exit	21 Date of entry	
13 Customs officer's signature:	Customs officer's signature:  26 Voucher to be returned to the Customs office of entry at	Customs officer's signature:  26 NB. The Customs office of entry should fill in lines 26 and 27 of the adjacent exit voucher.	

## Annex 3

## TRIPTYCH FOR A PLEASURE BOAT

The triptych should be printed in the language specified by the country of importation.

The dimensions are 13 x 29.5 cm.

(1)

1. ENTRY VOUCHER	-	TEMPORARY	3. HOLDER'S COPY
This voucher to be detached and retained by the Customs office	EXITS AND RE-ENTRIES		
of entry  TRIPTYCH No. = = = = =		and Customs officers' signatures ry exits and re-entries	This voucher is to be retained by the holder after having been stamped and signed by the Customs authorities (1) on first entry into
For(country of validity)			
Valid until inclusive		EXIT	For(country of validity)
Guaranteed by Issued by	ENTRY	EXIT	(country of validity)  VALID until
Holder Block letters Normal residence Block letters TYPF OF BOAT (1)	ENTRY	EXIT	Guaranteed by
REGISTERED in`	ENTRY	EXIT	Holder [Block letters] Normal residence
(overall width Engine (make (No.	ENTRY	EXIT	REGISTERED in
(number of cylinders. Radio (indicate make and type) Other particulars	ENTRY	EXIT	(overall width Engine (make (No.
Net weight of boat, in kg.	ENTRY	EXIT	(number of cylinders
Value of boat	ENTRY	EXIT	Net weight of boat, in kg.
At the Customs office of	ENTRY	EXIT	Value of boat  Date of entry At the Customs office of
Customs officer's signature:	ENTRY	EXIT	Voucher registered under No
Custom	ENTRY	EXIT	Customs officer's signature:
The Customs officer should make a similar entry in the corresponding section of Vouchers Nos. 2 and 3.	ENTRY	EXIT	The Customs of Could make a similar entry in the corresponding section of Voucher Nos. 1 and 2.
	ENTRY	EXIT	Date of final re-exportation
	FNTRY	FXIT	
			Customs officer's signature:

motor boat or launch. For boats with engines (auxiliary or other) state whether petrol or diesel engine. In the absence of registration number, insert name or distinctive sign.

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[Reverse side of holder's copy]	[Reverse side of temporary exits and re-entries	[Reverse side of entry voucher]
	2. EXIT VOUCHER	TRIPTYCH
	This voucher to be detached and retained at the Customs Office of exit, to be forwarded to the Customs office of first entry	For(country of validity)
	TRIPTYCH No. $=$ $=$ $=$ $=$	No. = = = = = =
	For(country of validity)	This boat is imported subject to the holder's obligation to re-export it by the date specified above and to comply with the Customs laws
	VALID until inclusive	and regulations relating to the temporary admission of boats in the country visited, under the guarantee of
	Guaranteed by	This boat is imported subject to the holder's obligation to re-export it by the date specified above and to comply with the Customs laws and regulations relating to the temporary admission of boats in the country visited, under the guarantee of (the guaranteeing association) in virtue of an undertaking which the latter association has given to (the Customs authority)
	Holder [Block letters] Normal residence [Block letters] TYPE OF BOAT (1) REGISTERED in [town] [country] Hull [material]	Date19
	Hull (material	Signature of the Secretary of the guaranteeing association
	(length (overall width Engine (make	Signature of holder
	(No. (number of cylinders Radio (indicate make and type)	
	(number of cylinders Radio (indicate make and type) Other particulars Net weight of boat in kg. Value of boat	
	Date of entry At the Customs office of Voucher registered under No.	
	Customs officer's signature:	
	The Customs officer should make a similar entry in the correspondin section of Vouchers Nos. 1 and 3	g
	Date of final re-exportation At the Customs office of	
	Customs officer's signature:	
	The Customs officer should make a similar entry at the foot of Voucher No. 3	
	(1) See footnote (1) overleaf (2) See footnote (2) overleaf	
	1	

#### Annex 4

#### EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF THE "CARNET DE PASSAGES EN DOUANE"

1. The stamp for extension of validity shall conform to the model given in the present annex.

The text shall be drawn up in French, but may be repeated in another language.

- 2. The following procedure shall be observed by the person requesting the extension and by the guaranteeing association dealing with the request:
- (a) When the holder of a <u>carnet de passages en</u> <u>douane</u> finds himself obliged to request an extension of the period of validity of the document, he should send the <u>carnet</u> to the guaranteeing association with a request for its extension, explaining the circumstances which oblige him to make the request. He should enclose with his request, as supporting evidence, a medical certificate, a statement from the repair shop repairing his vehicle, or some other authentic document to prove that the delay in question is caused by <u>force majeure</u>.
- (b) If the guaranteeing association considers that the request for extension can be passed on to the Customs authorities, it should affix the stamp referred to in paragraph 1 on the front cover of the <u>carnet de passages en douane</u> in the space left especially for the purpose.
- (c) In the left-hand section of the stamp the guaranteeing association should enter, in figures and words, the date until which the extension is requested. The President of the association or his representative should affix his signature and the stamp of the association.

- (d) The length of the extension must not exceed a reasonable time in which to complete the journey, and should not normally exceed three months from the previous date of expiry of the <u>carnet</u>.
- (e) The guaranteeing association should then send the <u>carnet</u> to the competent Customs authority in its country, with the holder's application and the supporting evidence attached.
- (f) The Customs authority will decide whether the extension can be granted. It may shorten the period of extension requested, or refuse to grant any extension whatsoever. If an extension is granted, the competent Customs officer should fill in the remaining spaces on the stamp affixed on the cover of the <u>carnet</u> by the guaranteeing association, inserting a serial or registry number, the place and date, his official status, and adding his signature and the Customs stamp.
- (g) The <u>carnet</u> should then be returned to the guaranteeing association, which in turn should hand it back to the person concerned.

CountryGuaranteeing association	NoExtension granted until
The extension of validity for all countries	
where this <u>carnet</u> is valid, is requested until	(in figures and words)19
(in figures and words)19	Customs stamp  Signature and official status of the Customs officer

## Annex 5

# MODEL CERTIFICATE FOR THE CLEARANCE OF TEMPORARY IMPORTATION PAPERS UNDISCHARGED, DESTROYED, LOST OR STOLEN

(a) FOR AN AIRCRAFT

ned on presentation of the following ation papers issued for the above aircraft
number, date and place of issue of <u>carnet</u> h, and name of issuing body)
nporary importation papers produced
m 

(1) Insert type of aircraft[Balloon, dirigible balloon, aeroplane, amphibian, seaplane, glider (monoplane, biplane, triplane), gyroplane, helicopter] and the maker's description, if any.

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## (b) FOR A PLEASURE BOAT

should have been		Consular authority of the country in which the papers authority (Customs, police, mayor, judicial officer, etc.) of
The undersigned	authority	[nune or country]
certifies that this a pleasure boat w	dayas produced at	
which was found	to possess the following char	
		under No(2)
	(town)	Control
Hull		(material(length(overall width
Engine		(make
		(No
Other particulars.		(number of cylinders
temporary		Examined on presentation of the following
temporary	ſ	importation papers issued for the above boat
As applicable	1st formula	(serial number, date and place of issue of <u>carnet</u> or triptych, and name of issuing body)
Stamp	2nd formula	No temporary importation papers produced
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	

(1) Insert the type: boat with oars or paddles (pleasure or sports), with or without auxiliary engine; canoe, kayak, with or without auxiliary engine; sailing boat, with or without engine (auxiliary or fixed); motor boat or launch. For boats with engine (auxiliary or other) state whether petrol or diesel engine.

(2) In the absence of registration number, insert name or distinctive sign.

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