

**1973 AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE VII OF THE CONVENTION ON FACILITATION
OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC
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ARTICLE VII

(1) The Annex to the present Convention may be amended by the Contracting Governments, either at the proposal of one of them or by a Conference convened for that purpose.

(2) Any Contracting Government may propose an amendment to the Annex by forwarding a draft amendment to the Secretary-General of the Organization (hereinafter called the "Secretary-General") :

- (a) Any amendment proposed in accordance with this paragraph shall be considered by the Facilitation Committee of the Organization provided that it has been circulated at least three months prior to the meeting of this Committee. If adopted by two-thirds of the Contracting Governments present and voting in the Committee, the amendment shall be communicated to all Contracting Governments by the Secretary-General.
- (b) Any amendment to the Annex under this paragraph shall enter into force fifteen months after 'communication of the proposal to all Contracting Governments by the Secretary-General unless within twelve months after the communication at least one-third of Contracting Governments have notified the Secretary-General in writing that they do not accept the proposal.
- (c) The Secretary-General shall inform all Contracting Governments of any notification received under sub-paragraph (b) and of the date of entry into force.
- (d) Contracting Governments which do not accept an amendment are not bound by that amendment but shall follow the procedure laid down in Article VIII of the present Convention.

(3) A conference of the Contracting Governments to consider amendments to the Annex shall be convened by the Secretary-General upon the request of at least one-third of these Governments. Every amendment adopted by such conference by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting shall enter into force six months after the date on which the Secretary-General notifies the Contracting Governments of the amendment adopted.

(4) The Secretary-General shall notify promptly all signatory Governments of the adoption and entry into force of any amendment under this Article.