

**CONVENTION FOR THE UNIFICATION OF CERTAIN RULES
FOR INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE BY AIR
DONE AT MONTREAL ON 28 MAY 1999**

Entry into force:	The Convention entered into force on 4 November 2003.
Status:	53 Parties.

State	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance (A), approval (AA) or accession (a)	Date of entry into force
Austria (10)		29/04/04 (a)	28/06/04
Bahamas	28/05/99		
Bahrain		02/02/01(a)	04/11/03
Bangladesh	28/05/99		
Barbados		02/01/02 (a)	04/11/03
Belgium (1)	28/05/99	29/04/04	28/06/04
Belize	28/05/99	24/08/99	04/11/03
Benin	28/05/99	30/03/04	29/05/04
Bolivia	28/05/99		
Botswana		28/03/01 (a)	04/11/03
Brazil	03/08/99		
Bulgaria		10/11/03 (a)	09/01/04
Burkina Faso	28/05/99		
Cambodia	28/05/99		
Cameroon	27/09/01	05/09/03	04/11/03
Canada (6)	01/10/01	19/11/02	04/11/03
Central African Republic	25/09/01		
Chile	28/05/99		
China	28/05/99		
Colombia	15/12/99	28/03/03	04/11/03
Costa Rica	20/12/99		
Côte d'Ivoire	28/05/99		
Cuba	28/05/99		
Cyprus		20/11/02 (a)	04/11/03
Czech Republic (3)	28/05/99	16/11/00	04/11/03
Denmark (1)(11)	28/05/99	29/04/04	28/06/04
Dominican Republic	28/05/99		
Estonia	04/02/02	10/04/03	04/11/03
Finland (4)	09/12/99	29/04/04	28/06/04
France (1)	28/05/99	29/04/04	28/06/04
Gabon	28/05/99		
Gambia		10/03/04	09/05/04
Germany (1)(12)	28/05/99	29/04/04	28/06/04
Ghana	28/05/99		
Greece (1)	28/05/99	22/07/02	04/11/03

Iceland	28/05/99		
Ireland (1)	16/08/00	29/04/04	28/06/04
Italy (1)	28/05/99	29/04/04	28/06/04
Jamaica	28/05/99		
Japan (8)		20/06/00 (A)	04/11/03
Jordan	05/10/00	12/04/02	04/11/03
Kenya	28/05/99	07/01/02	04/11/03
Kuwait	28/05/99	11/06/02	04/11/03
Lithuania	28/05/99		
Luxembourg (2)	29/02/00	29/04/04	28/06/04
Madagascar	28/05/99		
Malta	28/05/99	05/05/04	04/07/04
Mauritius	28/05/99		
Mexico	28/05/99	20/11/00	04/11/03
Monaco	28/05/99		
Mozambique	28/05/99		
Namibia	28/05/99	27/09/01	04/11/03
Netherlands (14)	30/12/99	29/04/04	28/06/04
New Zealand (5)	13/07/01	18/11/02	04/11/03
Niger	28/05/99		
Nigeria	28/05/99	10/05/02	04/11/03
Norway		29/04/04 (a)	28/06/04
Pakistan	28/05/99		
Panama	28/05/99	13/09/02	04/11/03
Paraguay	17/03/00	29/03/01	04/11/03
Peru	07/09/99	11/04/02	04/11/03
Poland	28/05/99		
Portugal (1)	28/05/99	28/02/03	04/11/03
Romania	18/11/99	20/03/01	04/11/03
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		29/03/04 (a)	28/05/04
Saudi Arabia	28/05/99	15/10/03	14/12/03
Senegal	28/05/99		
Slovakia	28/05/99	11/10/00	04/11/03
Slovenia	28/05/99	27/03/02	04/11/03
South Africa	28/05/99		
Spain (13)	14/01/00	29/04/04	28/06/04
Sudan	28/05/99		
Swaziland	28/05/99		
Sweden (1)	27/08/99	29/04/04	28/06/04
Switzerland	28/05/99		
Syrian Arab Republic		18/07/02 (a)	04/11/03
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		15/05/00 (a)	04/11/03
Togo	28/05/99		
Tonga		20/11/03 (a)	19/01/04

Turkey	28/05/99		
United Arab Emirates		07/07/00 (a)	04/11/03
United Republic of Tanzania		11/02/03 (a)	04/11/03
United States (7)	28/05/99	05/09/03	04/11/03
United Kingdom (1)	28/05/99	29/04/04	28/06/04
Uruguay	09/06/99		
Zambia	28/05/99		

Regional Economic Integration

Organisations

European Community (9)	09/12/99	29/04/04 (AA)	28/06/04
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(1) Upon signature of the Convention, this State, Member State of the European Community, declared that, "in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, the Community has competence to take actions in certain matters governed by the Convention".

(2) On 3 October 2000, ICAO received from Luxembourg the following declaration (original in French): "The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Member State of the European Community, declares that in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, the Community has competence to take actions in certain matters governed by the Convention".

(3) Upon deposit of its instrument of ratification, the Czech Republic notified ICAO that "as a Member of the International Monetary Fund, [the Czech Republic] shall proceed in accordance with Article 23, paragraph 1 of the Convention".

(4) By a Note dated 13 July 2000, Finland transmitted a declaration dated 7 July 2000 signed by the Minister for Foreign Trade, setting forth the wording quoted in note (1) above.

(5) Upon deposit of its instrument of accession (deemed to be an instrument of ratification), New Zealand declared "that this accession shall extend to Tokelau".

(6) At the time of ratification, Canada made the following declaration: "Canada declares, in accordance with Article 57 of the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air, done at Montreal on 28 May 1999 and signed by Canada on 1 October 2001, that the Convention does not apply to the carriage of persons, cargo and baggage for its military authorities on aircraft registered in or leased by Canada, the whole capacity of which has been reserved by or on behalf of such authorities [Article 57(b)]."

(7) The instrument of ratification of the United States contains the following declaration:

"Pursuant to Article 57 of the Convention, the United States of America declares that the Convention shall not apply to international carriage by air performed and operated directly by the United States of America for non-commercial purposes in respect to the functions and duties of the United States of America as a sovereign State."

(8) By a Note dated 24 October 2003 signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan informed ICAO "that, in accordance with Article 57(a) of the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air, done at Montreal on 28 May 1999, the Government of Japan declares that this Convention shall not apply to international carriage by air performed and operated directly by the Government of Japan for non-commercial purposes in respect to its functions and duties as a sovereign State."

(9) The instrument of approval by the European Community contains the following declaration:

"Declaration concerning the competence of the European Community with regard to matters governed by the Convention of 28 May 1999 for the unification of certain rules for international carriage by air (the Montreal Convention):

1. The Montreal Convention provides that Regional Economic Integration Organisations constituted by sovereign States of a given region, which have competence in respect of certain matters governed by this Convention, may become parties to it.

2. The current Member States of the European Community are the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic,

Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

3. This declaration is not applicable to the territories of the Member States in which the Treaty establishing the European Community does not apply and is without prejudice to such acts or positions as may be adopted under the Convention by the Member States concerned on behalf of and in the interests of those territories.

4. In respect of matters covered by the Convention, the Member States of the European Community have transferred competence to the Community for liability for damage sustained in case of death or injury of passenger. The Member States have also transferred competence for liability for damage caused by delay and in the case of destruction, loss, damage or delay in the carriage of baggage. This includes requirements on passenger information and a minimum insurance requirement. Hence, in this field, it is for the Community to adopt the relevant rules and regulations (which the Member States enforce) and within its competence to enter into external undertakings with third States or competent organisations*.

5. The exercise of competence which the Member States have transferred to the Community pursuant to the EC Treaty is, by its nature, liable to continuous development. In the framework of the Treaty, the competent institutions may take decisions which determine the extent of the competence of the European Community. The European Community therefore reserves the right to amend the present declaration accordingly, without this constituting a prerequisite for the exercise of its competence with regard to matters governed by the Montreal Convention.

*Sources:

1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2027/97 of 9 October 1997 on air carrier liability in the event of accidents, Official Journal of the European Union, L 285, 17.10.1997, p. 1;

2) Regulation (EC) No 889/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 May 2002 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2027/97 on air carrier liability in the event of accidents, Official Journal of the European Union, L 140, 30.05.2002, p. 2."

(10) The instrument of accession by Austria contains the following declaration:

"The Republic of Austria declares according to Article 57 of the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air of 28 May 1999 that this Convention shall not apply to:

a) international carriage by air performed and operated directly by the Republic of Austria for non-commercial purposes in respect to its functions and duties as a sovereign State;

b) the carriage of persons, cargo and baggage for the military authorities on aircraft registered in or leased by the Republic of Austria, the whole capacity of which has been reserved on behalf of such authorities."

(11) The instrument of ratification by Denmark contains a declaration that until later decision, the Convention will not be applied to the Faeroe Islands.

(12) The instrument of ratification by Germany was accompanied by the following declaration:

"In accordance with Article 57 of the Convention of for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air of 28 May 1999, the Federal Republic of Germany declares that the Convention shall not apply to international carriage by air performed and operated directly by the Federal Republic of Germany for non-commercial purposes in respect to its functions and duties as a sovereign State or to the carriage of persons, cargo and baggage for the military authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany on aircraft registered in or leased by the Federal Republic of Germany, the whole capacity of which has been reserved by or on behalf of such authorities."

(13) The instrument of ratification by Spain contains the following declarations (original in Spanish):

"The Kingdom of Spain, Member State of the European Community, declares that in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, the Community has competence to take actions in certain matters governed by the Convention."

"In accordance with the provisions of Article 57, the Convention shall not apply to:

a) international carriage by air performed and operated directly by Spain for non-commercial purposes in respect to its functions and duties as a sovereign State;

b) the carriage of persons, cargo and baggage for its military authorities on aircraft registered in or leased by Spain, the whole capacity of which has been reserved by or on behalf of such authorities."

(14) By a Note dated 29 April 2004 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands transmitted to ICAO the following declaration: “The Kingdom of the Netherlands, Member State of the European Community, declares that in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, the Community has competence to take actions in certain matters governed by the Convention”.