

SOME RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN
INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW

VIENNA SALES CONVENTION

Canadian federal authorities are presently engaged in consultations with provincial authorities with respect to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 1980). The existence of a satisfactory federal State clause in the Convention will greatly simplify the matter of accession by Canada to the convention and it is expected that Canada will be in a position to accede to this convention in the not too distant future.

HAMBURG RULES

In December 1984 the Government of Canada published a discussion paper on the United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea (1978), known as the Hamburg Rules. This paper recommends that Canada adhere to this Convention.

UNCITRAL MODEL LAW ON INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

In June 1985, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) adopted the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration. The Model Law will provide useful precedential material for those States which presently have no legislation to regulate this important method of settlement of business disputes, and for those States which wish to evaluate and modernize their arbitration legislation.

NEW YORK CONVENTION

The necessary steps are being taken to put in place in all Canadian jurisdictions legislation to implement the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York, 1958), generally known as the New York Convention. All provinces concur with the intention of the Government of Canada to accede to the Convention and are