CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON CONTAINERS, 1972

Preamble

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

DESIRING to develop and facilitate international carriage by container,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Chapter I

GENERAL

ARTICLE 1

For the purpose of the present Convention:

- (a) the term "import duties and taxes" shall mean Customs duties and all other duties, taxes, fees and other charges which are collected on, or in connexion with, the importation of goods, but not including fees and charges limited in amount to the approximate cost of services rendered;
- (b) the term "temporary admission" shall mean temporary importation, subject to re-exportation, free of import duties and taxes and free of import prohibitions and restrictions;
- (c) the term "container" shall mean an article of transport equipment (lift-van, movable tank or other similar structure):
 - (i) fully or partially enclosed to constitute a compartment intended for containing goods;
 - (ii) of a permanent character and accordingly strong enough to be suitable for repeated use;
 - (iii) specially designed to facilitate the carriage of goods, by one or more modes of transport, without intermediate reloading;
 - (iv) designed for ready handling, particularly when being transferred from one mode of transport to another;
 - (v) designed to be easy to fill and to empty; and
 - (vi) having an internal volume of one cubic metre or more;

the term "container" shall include the accessories and equipment of the container, appropriate for the type concerned, provided that such accessories and equipment are carried with the container. The term "container" shall not include vehicles, accessories or spare parts of vehicles, or packaging;