

ARTICLE 4

PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE

At the time of signing the present Convention of this day's date the undersigned, being duly authorized by their Governments, make the following declarations:

1. The addition, for the purpose of calculating import duties and taxes levied on importation, of the weight or value of containers granted temporary admission to the weight or value of the goods they contain, conflicts with the principle of the temporary admission of containers. The addition of a legally-determined tare-weight factor to the weight of goods conveyed in containers is permissible if it is made because of the absence of packaging or because of the nature of the packaging, and not because the goods are conveyed by container.

2. The terms of the present Convention shall not preclude the application of national provisions or of international agreements, not of a Customs nature, regulating the use of containers.

3. The one-cubic-metre limitation of the internal volume, provided for in article 1 of the present Convention, does not imply the application of more restrictive regulations to containers of a smaller volume, and the Contracting Parties shall endeavour to apply a temporary admission procedure to the latter similar to that which they apply to containers defined in the present Convention.

4. As far as the procedures for the temporary admission of containers provided for in articles 6, 7 and 8 of the present Convention are concerned, the Contracting Parties recognize that the abolition of all Customs documents and guarantees would enable them to achieve one of the main purposes of the present Convention, and they will make every effort to attain this.