

CHAPTER IV  
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

*Article XII*

(1) Each Contracting Party shall reduce to a minimum the Customs formalities required in connection with the facilities provided for in this Convention. All regulations concerning such formalities shall be promptly published.

(2) Customs examination and clearance on the importation and re-exportation of scientific equipment shall, whenever possible and appropriate, be effected at the place of use of the equipment.

*Article XIII*

The provisions of this Convention set out the minimum facilities to be accorded. They do not prevent the application of greater facilities which certain Contracting Parties grant or may grant in future by unilateral provisions or by virtue of bilateral or multilateral agreements.

*Article XIV*

For the purpose of this Convention, the territories of Contracting Parties which form a Customs or economic union may be taken to be a single territory.

*Article XV*

The provisions of this Convention shall not preclude the application of prohibitions or restrictions imposed under national laws and regulations on grounds of public morality or order, public security, public hygiene or health, or relating to the protection of patents and trade marks.

*Article XVI*

Any breach of the provisions of this Convention, any substitution, false declaration or act having the effect of causing a person (natural or legal) or equipment improperly to benefit from the facilities provided for in this Convention, may render the offender liable in the country where the offence was committed to the penalties prescribed by the laws and regulations of that country and to payment of any import duties and taxes chargeable.

CHAPTER V  
FINAL PROVISIONS

*Article XVII*

(1) The Contracting Parties shall meet together when necessary in order to consider the operation of the present Convention and, in particular, in order to consider measures to secure uniformity in the interpretation and application of the present Convention.

(2) Such meetings shall be convened by the Secretary General of the Council at the request of any Contracting Party. Unless the Contracting Parties otherwise decide, the meetings shall be held at the Headquarters of the Council.