

4. Accepted amendments shall enter into force for all Contracting Parties on one of the following dates :
- (a) where the recommended amendment is notified before 1 April, the date shall be the first of January of the second year following the date of such notification,
- or
- (b) where the recommended amendment is notified on or after 1 April, the date shall be the first of January of the third year following the date of such notification.
5. The statistical nomenclatures of each Contracting Party and its Customs tariff nomenclature or, in the case provided for under paragraph 1 (c) of Article 3, its combined tariff/statistical nomenclature, shall be brought into conformity with the amended Harmonized System on the date specified in paragraph 4 of this Article.
6. Any State or Customs or Economic Union signing without reservation of ratification, ratifying or acceding to this Convention shall be deemed to have accepted any amendments thereto which, at the date when it becomes a Contracting Party, have entered into force or have been accepted under the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Article.

Article 17

Rights of Contracting Parties in respect of the Harmonized System

On any matter affecting the Harmonized System, paragraph 4 of Article 6, Article 8 and paragraph 2 of Article 16 shall confer rights on a Contracting Party :

- (a) in respect of all parts of the Harmonized System which it applies under the provisions of this Convention; or
- (b) until the date when this Convention enters into force in respect of it in accordance with the provisions of Article 13, in respect of all parts of the Harmonized System which it is obligated to apply at that date under the provisions of this Convention; or
- (c) in respect of all parts of the Harmonized System, provided that it has formally undertaken to apply the full six-digit Harmonized System within the period of three years referred to in paragraph 5 of Article 4 and until the expiration of that period.

Article 18

Reservations

No reservations to this Convention shall be permitted.

Article 19

Notifications by the Secretary General

The Secretary General shall notify Contracting Parties, other signatory States, Member States of the Council which are not Contracting Parties to this Convention, and the Secretary General of the United Nations, of the following :

- (a) Notifications under Article 4;
- (b) Signatures, ratifications and accessions as referred to in Article 12;