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List of contracting parties to Harmonization and FAL Conventions

Note by the secretariat

I. Background

- The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its previous session, it revisited document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2016/16, in conjunction with ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2017/5 which provided a summary overview of the scope and provisions of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL) in order to establish its relevance for draft Annex 10. Various delegations supported the preliminary conclusions by the secretariat in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2017/5, in particular with regard to the limited added value of the provisions of draft Annex 10 over the FAL Convention. The Working Party, to continue its consideration on the relevance of new Annex 10, requested the secretariat to prepare a list of Contracting Parties to the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1982) and to the FAL Convention for comparison (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/290, paras. 32-33). In line with this request, the secretariat has prepared the present document which provides a list of contracting parties to both Conventions in Annex I.
- 2. The FAL Convention has one hundred eighteen countries and three associate members as contracting parties, whereas the Harmonization Convention has fifty-eight contracting parties. Among them, fourteen countries are contracting parties to Harmonization Convention, but not to FAL Convention. However, it is worth underlining that eleven of these countries are landlocked; so that relevance of draft Annex 10 is limited to them.

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Annex

Country	IMO FAL Convention	UNECE Harmonization Convention (1982)	Landlocked Country - Not a Contracting Party to the FAL Convention
Albania	X	Х	
Algeria	x		
Antigua & Barbuda	x		
Armenia		X	x
Argentina	X		
Australia	X		
Austria	x	X	
Azerbaijan	X	X	
Bahamas	X		
Bangladesh	X		
Barbados	X		
Belarus	X	x	
Belgium	X	x	
Benin	X		
Bosnia and Herzegovina		X	
Brazil	X		
Bulgaria	x	X	
Burundi	X		
Cameroon	X		
Canada	X		
Cabo Verde	X		
Chile	X		
China	X		
Colombia	X		
Congo	X		
Cote d'Ivoire	x		
Croatia	x	X	
Cuba	x	X	
Cyprus	x	X	

_		UNECE Harmonization	
Country	IMO FAL Convention	Convention (1982)	FAL Convention
Czech Republic	X	X	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	X		
Denmark	X	X	
Dominica	X		
Dominican Republic	X		
Ecuador	X		
Egypt	X		
El Salvador	X		
Estonia	X	X	
European Union		X	
Fiji	X		
Finland	X	X	
France	X	X	
Gabon	X		
Gambia	X		
Georgia	X	X	
Germany	X	x	
Ghana	X		
Greece	X	X	
Guinea	X		
Guyana	X		
Honduras	X		
Hungary	X	X	
Iceland	X		
India	X		
Indonesia	X		
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	X	x	
Iraq	X		
Ireland	X	x	
Israel	X		

Country	IMO FAL Convention	UNECE Harmonization Convention (1982)	Landlocked Country - Not a Contracting Party to the FAL Convention
Italy	X	X	
Japan	X		
Jordan	x	X	
Kazakhstan		X	X
Kyrgyzstan		X	X
Kenya	X		
Lao People's Democratic Republic		X	X
Latvia	x	X	
Lebanon	X		
Lesotho		x	x
Liberia	X	X	
Libya	X		
Lithuania	X	X	
Luxembourg	X	X	
Madagascar	X		
Mali	X		
Malta	X		
Marshall Islands	x		
Mauritius	X		
Mexico	X		
Monaco	X		
Mongolia		X	x
Montenegro	X	X	
Morocco		X	
Netherlands	X	x	
New Zealand	x		
Nicaragua	x		
Nigeria	x		
Norway	x	X	
Palau	X		

Country	IMO FAL Convention	UNECE Harmonization Convention (1982)	Landlocked Country - Not a Contracting Party to the FAL Convention
Panama	X		
Peru	X		
Poland	x	X	
Portugal	X	x	
Republic of Korea	X		
Republic of Moldova		x	X
Romania	X	X	
Russian Federation	X	X	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	X		
Saint Lucia	X		
Samoa	X		
Senegal	X		
Serbia	X	X	
Seychelles	X		
Sierra Leone	X		
Singapore	X		
Slovakia	X	X	
Slovenia	X	X	
South Africa		X	
Spain	X	X	
Sri Lanka	X		
Suriname	X		
Sweden	x	x	
Switzerland	x	X	
Syrian Arab Republic	X		
Tajikistan		X	x
Thailand	x		
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		х	X

Country	IMO FAL Convention	UNECE Harmonization Convention (1982)	Landlocked Country - Not a Contracting Party to the FAL Convention
Tonga	X		
Trinidad & Tobago	X		
Tunisia	X	X	
Turkey	X	X	
Turkmenistan		X	X
Ukraine	X	X	
United Kingdom	X	X	
United Republic of Tanzania	X		
United States	X		
Uruguay	X		
Uzbekistan		X	X
Vanuatu	X		
Venezuela	X		
Viet Nam	x		
Yemen	X		
Zambia	X		
China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region*	x		
Macao, China*	X		
Faroe Islands*	X		

^{*} Associate members of the IMO.

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