

Annex 7**COMPOSITION AND RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE****Article 1**

1. The Contracting Parties shall be members of the Administrative Committee.

2. The Committee may decide that the competent administrations of States referred to in article 18 of the present Convention which are not Contracting Parties or representatives of international organizations may, for questions which interest them, attend the sessions of the Committee as observers.

Article 2

The Customs Co-operation Council shall provide the Committee with secretariat services.

Article 3

The Committee shall, at its first session each year, elect a chairman and a vice-chairman.

Article 4

The competent administrations of the Contracting Parties shall communicate to the Customs Co-operation Council proposed amendments to the present Convention and the reasons therefor, together with any request for the inclusion of items on the agenda of the sessions of the Committee. The Customs Co-operation Council shall bring them to the attention of the competent administrations of the Contracting Parties and of the States referred to in article 18 of the present Convention which are not Contracting Parties.

Article 5

1. The Customs Co-operation Council shall convene the Committee at the request of the competent administrations of at least five Contracting Parties. It shall circulate the draft agenda to the competent administrations of the Contracting Parties and of the States referred to in article 18 of the present Convention which are not Contracting Parties at least six weeks before the Committee meets.

2. On the decision of the Committee, taken by virtue of the provisions of article 1, paragraph 2, of these rules, the Customs Co-operation Council shall invite the competent administrations of the States referred to in article 18 of the present Convention which are not Contracting Parties and the international organizations concerned to be represented by observers at the sessions of the Committee.

Article 6

Proposals shall be put to the vote. Each Contracting Party represented at the meeting shall have one vote. Proposals other than amendments to the present Convention shall be adopted by the Committee by a majority of those present and voting. Amendments to the present Convention, and decisions referred to in article 21, paragraph 5, and article 22, paragraph 6, of the present Convention regarding entry into force of amendments, shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

Article 7

Before the closure of its session, the Committee shall adopt a report.

Article 8

In the absence of relevant provisions in this Annex, the Rules of Procedure of the Customs Co-operation Council shall be applicable unless the Committee decides otherwise.

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 international 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.