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1999 Arrest Convention

Status of expressions of consent to be bound

Albania 14 March 2011

Algeria 7 May 2004

Benin 3 March 2010

Bulgaria 21 Februar 2001

Ecuador 15 October 2010

Estonia 11 May 2001

Latvia 7 December 2001

Liberia 16 September 2005

Spain 7 June 2002

Syrian Arab Republic 16 October 2002

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Art. 7-Jurisdiction on the merits of the case

1. The Courts of the State in which an arrest has been effected or security provided to obtain the release of the ship shall have jurisdiction to determine the case upon its merits, unless the parties validly agree or have validly agreed to submit the dispute to a Court of another State which accepts jurisdiction, or to arbitration.

Art. 14-Entry into force

1. This Convention shall enter into force six months following the date on which 10 States have expressed their consent to be bound by it.

Brussels Convention 27 September 1968 on jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgment

Art. 57, as amended by art. 25(1) of the Accession Convention

This Convention shall not affect any conventions to which the Contracting States are or will be parties and which, in relation to particular matters, govern jurisdiction or the recognition or enforcement of judgments.

Regulation (EC) No. 44/2001

Art. 71

1. This Regulation shall not affect any conventions to which the member States are parties and which in relation to particular matters, govern jurisdiction or the recognition or enforcement of judgments.

2002/762/EC: Council Decision of 19 September 2002 authorizing the Member States, in the interest of the Community, to sign, ratify or accede to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 (the Bunkers Convention)

Whereas

(5) The Bunkers Convention is particularly important, given the interests of the Community and its Member States, because it makes for improved victim protection under international rules on marine pollution liability, in keeping with the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Art. 1

1. Without prejudice to existing Community competence in the matter, the Council hereby authorises the Member States to sign, ratify or accede to the Bunkers Convention in the interest of the Community.

Art. 2

When signing, ratifying or acceding to the Bunkers Convention, Member States shall make the following declaration: “Judgments on matters covered by the Convention shall, when given by a court of (...(3)), be recognised and enforced in (...(4)) according to the relevant internal Community rules on the subject.”

Art. 5

Member States shall, at the earliest opportunity, use their best endeavours to ensure that the Bunkers Convention is amended to allow the Community to become a contracting party to it.

2002/971/EC: Council Decision of 18 November 2002 authorizing the Member States, in the interest of the Community, to ratify or accede to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996 (the HNS Convention)

Whereas

(5) The HNS Convention is particularly important, given the interests of the Community and its Member States, because it makes for improved victim protection under international rules on marine pollution liability, in keeping with the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Art. 1

1. Without prejudice to existing European Community competence in the matter, the Council hereby authorises the Member States to ratify or accede to the HNS Convention in the interest of the Community, subject to the conditions set out in the following Articles.

Art. 2

When ratifying or acceding to the HNS Convention, Member States shall make the following declaration:

"Judgments on matters covered by the Convention shall, when given by a court of ((4)...), be recognised and enforced in ((5)...) according to the relevant internal Community rules on the subject.(6)"

Art. 5

Member States shall, at the earliest opportunity, use their best endeavours to ensure that the HNS Convention is amended to allow the Community to become a contracting party to it.

**Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention
Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and Their Luggage By Sea, 1974**

Art. 19-Regional Economic Integration Organizations

1 A Regional Economic Integration Organization, which is constituted by sovereign States that have transferred competence over certain matters governed by this Protocol to that Organization, may sign, ratify, accept, approve or accede to this Protocol. A Regional Economic Integration Organization which is a Party to this Protocol shall have the rights and obligations of a State Party, to the extent that the Regional Economic Integration Organization has competence over matters governed by this Protocol.

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea

Article 73-Recognition and enforcement

1. A decision made in one Contracting State by a court having jurisdiction under this Convention shall be recognized and enforced in another Contracting State in accordance with the law of such latter Contracting State when both States have made a declaration in accordance with article 74.

Article 74-Application of chapter 14

The provisions of this chapter shall bind only Contracting States that declare in accordance with article 91 that they will be bound by them.

Art. 93-Participation by regional economic integration organizations

1. A regional economic integration organization that is constituted by sovereign States and has competence over certain matters governed by this Convention may similarly sign, ratify, accept, approve or accede to this Convention. The regional economic integration organization shall in that case have the rights and obligations of a Contracting State, to the extent that that organization has competence over matters governed by this Convention. When the number of Contracting States is relevant in this Convention, the regional economic integration organization does not count as a Contracting State in addition to its member States which are Contracting States.