

5. International Law

Treaties and Agreements

[Multilateral]

The International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995, which was concluded in Geneva on 2 February 1995, was promulgated on 19 February 1997. The Agreement was provisionally entered into force in Japan on 6 February 1997, in accordance with Article 61 section 3, by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the United Nations General Assembly on 19 December 1995.

The Trademark Law Treaty, which was concluded in Geneva on 27 October 1994, was promulgated on 12 March 1997. The Treaty entered into force in Japan on 1 April 1997, in accordance with Article 20 section 3, by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization on 1 January 1997.

The Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, which was concluded in Paris on 13 January 1993, was promulgated on 21 April 1997. The Convention entered into force in Japan on 29 April 1997, in accordance with Article 21 section 1, by the deposit of an instrument of ratification with the United Nations Secretary-General on 15 September 1995.

The General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean Agreement as Amended by the General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean on 22 May 1963 by its First Special Session, Rome, 21–22 May 1963, and on 1 July 1976 by its Thirteenth Session, Rome, 28 June–2 July 1976, was promulgated on 12 June 1997. The Agreement entered into force in Japan on 12 June 1997, in accordance with Article 11 section 4, by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Secretariat for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the same day.

The Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT), which were adopted in London on 19 January 1989, were promulgated on 20 June 1997. The Amendments entered into force in Japan on 26 June 1997, in accordance with Article 34 section 2, by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Secretariat for INMARSAT on 22 December 1995.

The Additional Protocol to the Constitution of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union, which was concluded in Singapore on 12 September 1995, was promulgated on 25 June 1997. The Additional Protocol entered into force in Japan on 1 July 1997 by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Government of the Republic of Philippines on 20 June 1997.

The General Regulations of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union, which were concluded in Singapore on 12 September 1995, were promulgated on 25 June 1997. The General Regulations entered into force in Japan on 1 July 1997 by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Government of the Republic of Philippines on 20 June 1997.

The Schedules of Tariff Concessions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994: Certification of Modifications and Rectifications: Schedule XXXVIII-Japan was promulgated on 1 July 1997. The annexed modifications and rectifications to the Schedule entered into force on 1 July 1997 by the deposit of the Certification with the Director-General of the World Trade Organization on 24 June 1997.

The Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, which was concluded in Madrid on 4 November 1991, was promulgated on 18 December 1997. The Protocol entered into force in Japan on 14 January 1998, in accordance with Article 23 section 1 by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Government of the United States of America on 15 December 1997.

[Bilateral]

The Agreement between Japan and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for Air Services, which was signed in Addis Ababa on 25 March 1996, as promulgated on 15 May 1997. The Agreement entered into force in Japan on 15 May 1997, in accordance with Article 20, as a result of the exchange of diplomatic notes in Addis Ababa on

the same day.

The Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of Hong Kong for Air Services, which was signed in Hong Kong on 28 February 1997, as promulgated on 18 June 1997. The Agreement entered into force in Japan on 18 June 1997, in accordance with Article 19, as a result of the exchange of notes in Hong Kong on the same day.

The Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of Hong Kong for the Promotion and Protection of Investment, which was signed in Tokyo on 15 May 1997, was promulgated on 18 June 1997. The Agreement entered into force in Japan on 18 June 1997, in accordance with Article 15 section 1, as a result of the exchange of notes in Hong Kong on the same day.

The Agreement between Japan and Papua New Guinea for Air Services, which was signed in Port Moresby on 10 March 1997, was promulgated on 27 June 1997. The Agreement entered into force in Japan on 27 June 1997, in accordance with Article 20, as a result of the exchange of diplomatic notes in Port Moresby on the same day.

The Convention between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of South Africa for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, which was signed in Cape Town on 7 March 1997, was promulgated on 8 October 1997. The Convention entered into force in Japan on 5 November 1997, in accordance with Article 28 section 1, as a result of the exchange of notes Pretoria on 6 October 1997.

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