

## **A-16: INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE STATUTE ON THE INTERNATIONAL REGIME OF MARITIME PORTS**

**Name of the convention:** International Convention on the Statute on the International Regime of Maritime Ports

**Acronym or short name:** Statute on the International Regime of Maritime Ports

**International organisation in charge of it:** United Nations (UN)

**Summary description (in plain language):** This convention deals with the implementation of a statute on the international regime of maritime ports. It applies to all ports which are frequented by seagoing vessels and used for foreign trade ([art.1](#)). It does not apply to maritime coasting trade and fishing vessel ([art.14](#)). This convention states an equal treatment between maritime ports which cover facilities services ([art.2](#)). Powers exercised by a Port Authority shall comply with the principle of equality of treatment.

**Date of first approval:** 9 december 1923

**Date of coming into force:** 26 july 1926

**Dates of revision:** no

**Reasons of revisions:** no

**Applicability (situation of ratification):** This convention will not come into force until it has been ratified in the name of five states. The date of its coming into force shall be the nineteenth day after the receipt by the Secretary General of the League of Nations of fifth ratification ([art.6](#)).

**Stakes for ports:** The competent Port Authorities are able to take measures such as to grant the vessel of a contracting state to an equality of treatment, to guarantee freedom of access to ports and also the use of the port as they may deem expedient for the proper conduct of the business of the port provided that these measures comply with the principle of equality of treatment ([art.3](#)).

According to article 11, Port Authorities enshrine their authority to organise and administer pilotage services.

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**Key-words:** maritime ports, equality of treatment, traffic

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