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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR FISHING VESSEL PERSONNEL, 1995

Entry into force

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995, and to state that, with the deposit of an instrument of accession by the Republic of Palau, on 29 September 2011, the requirements for the entry into force of the Convention, as set out in article 12 of the Convention, were fulfilled.

Article 12 provides that the Convention shall enter into force 12 months after the date on which not less than 15 States have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance, or approval, or have deposited the requisite instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of article 12, the Convention will enter into force on 29 September 2012, i.e. 12 months after the date on which the requirements for entry into force were met.

A list of the fifteen Contracting States to the Convention appears below.

	Date of signature or deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force or succession
Canada (accession)	8 April 2010	29 September 2012
Denmark (accession)	20 July 1998	29 September 2012
Iceland (accession)	28 May 2002	29 September 2012
Kiribati (accession)	5 February 2007	29 September 2012
Latvia (accession)	2 February 2007	29 September 2012
Mauritania (accession)	30 June 2008	29 September 2012
Morocco (accession)	14 April 2009	29 September 2012
Namibia (accession)	18 December 2008	29 September 2012
Norway (accession)	19 July 2006	29 September 2012
Palau (accession)	29 September 2011	29 September 2012
Russian Federation (signature)	30 September 1996	29 September 2012
Sierra Leone (accession)	10 March 2008	29 September 2012
Spain (accession)	3 February 2009	29 September 2012
Syrian Arab Republic (accession)	12 July 2005	29 September 2012
Ukraine (accession)	4 September 2002	29 September 2012