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CONVENTIONS ACT
CHAPTER 24:04**

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17 of 2008.

[31st December, 2008]

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the International Maritime Organisation Conventions Act.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires;

“IMO” means the International Maritime Organisation;

“IMO Conventions and Protocols” means the Conventions and Protocols of the International Maritime Organisation, the full texts of which are published from time to time by the IMO;

“Minister” means the Minister for the time being responsible for the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE);

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Merchant Shipping appointed by the Minister under section 4 of the Registration of Merchant Ships Act, as amended;

“Senior Deputy Registrar” means Senior Deputy Registrar of Merchant Shipping appointed by the Registrar under section 4(3) of the Registration of Merchant Ships Act, Cap. 236, as amended.

IMO Convention to have the force of law in Belize Schedule

3.-(1) Notwithstanding any other law, but subject to the provisions of this Act, the IMO Conventions and Protocols acceded to by Belize, as listed in the Schedule hereto, shall have the force of law in Belize.

(2) The Minister may from time to time by Order published in the Gazette amend the Schedule.

4. This Act shall be read and construed as being in addition to, and not in derogation of, the provisions of the Registration of Merchant Ships Act, Cap. 236 and any Regulations issued thereunder, but where there is a conflict between the provisions of this Act and the Registration of Merchant Ships Act, Cap. 236, the provisions of this Act shall prevail.

Relationship with other laws.

5.—(1) The Minister may make regulations for the better carrying out of the objects and purposes of this Act and the IMO Conventions and Protocols acceded to by Belize.

Regulations.

(2) All regulations made by the Minister under subsection (1) of this section shall be subject to negative resolution.

6. Subject to this Act and the Regulations made by the Minister under section 5, the Registrar, or the Senior Deputy Registrar with the approval of the Registrar may issue notices, circular letters and directives to shipowners and other persons concerned, for the better carrying out of the objects and purposes of this Act and the IMO Conventions and Protocols acceded to by Belize.

Notices and Circular letters.

SCHEDULE

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List of Conventions *[Section 3]*

CONVENTION/PROTOCOL	DATE OF ACCESSION BY BELIZE
1. Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims Convention (LLMC) 1976	January 31, 1980
2. The 1976 Protocol to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage (Fund Convention)	January 31, 1980
3. International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue 1979, as amended	March 22, 1980
4. International Convention on die establishment of a Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971 (FUND Convention)	September 1, 1984
5. International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 as amended (SOLAS)	April 2, 1991
6. International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships 1969 (TONNAGE)	April 9, 1991
7. The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 as amended (COLREG)	April 9, 1991
8. Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended (MARPOL 73/78)	May 26, 1995

9. MARPOL 73/78, ANNEX III: Prevention of Pollution by Harmful Substances Carried by Sea in Packaged Form May 26, 1995
10. MARPOL 73/78, ANNEX IV: Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Ships May 26, 1995
11. MARPOL 73/78, ANNEX V: Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships May 26, 1995
12. International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW) January 24,1997
13. International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (CLC), 1969 & CLC Protocol 1992 November 27, 1998
14. The Protocol of 1992 to the Fund Convention of 1971 (1992 FUND) November 27, 1998
15. Protocol of 1998 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (the LOAD LINES Convention) with its Annexes A & B June 14, 2007
16. Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (the MARPOL Convention), as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto June 14,2007
17. Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (the SOLAS Convention) and its Annex June 14, 2007