

Minor Treaty Actions

Minor treaty actions (formerly referred to as 'Category 3' treaty actions) are identifiably minor treaty actions (mainly minor/technical amendments to existing treaties) which do not impact significantly on the national interest. Minor treaty actions are tabled with a one-page explanatory statement. The Treaties Committee has the discretion to formally inquire into these treaty actions or indicate its acceptance of them without a formal inquiry and report.

The following minor treaty actions have been considered by the Treaties Committee on the dates indicated. The Committee determined not to hold formal inquiries and agreed that binding treaty action on each one may be taken.

42nd Parliament

Treaty tabled on 15 September 2009

Considered by the committee on 27 October 2009

- Amendment to Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (the Convention)

Treaties tabled on 20 August 2009

Considered by the committee on 8 September 2009

- Amendment, Adopted at Bergen in April/May 2009, to Annex 1 of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels of 19 June 2001
- Agreement to Amend the Agreement between Australia and the United States of America concerning Acquisition and Cross-Servicing of 9 December 1998, done at Washington on 30 July 2009

Treaties tabled on 4 December 2008

Considered by the committee on 3 February 2009

- Amendment, Adopted 17 November 2008, to Annex I of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005
- Amendment, Adopted 17 November 2008, to Annex II of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005

Treaties tabled on 26 August 2008

Considered by the committee on 23 September 2008

- Amendment to the Agreement on Social Security between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Chile of 25 March 2003
- Amendment, Adopted at Rome on 28 March 2008, to the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization of 5 February 1988, as Amended on 30 June 2002 and 30 November 2002

- Amendment to Annex 4.1 (Rules of Origin) of the Australia-Thailand Free Trade Agreement (TAFTA) of 5 July 2004

Treaties tabled on 17 June 2008

Considered by the committee on 2 September 2008

- Amendment, adopted 1 October 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005

Treaties tabled on 14 May 2008

Considered by the committee on 25 August 2008

- Amendment, Adopted at London in July 2007, to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code)

41st Parliament

Treaties tabled on 18 September 2007

Considered by the committee on 18 September 2007

- Amendments, Adopted at London in July 2007, to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL 73/78)

Treaties tabled on 15 August 2007

Considered by the committee on 11 September 2007

- Amendment, Adopted at Christchurch in November 2006, to Annex 1 of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) of 19 June 2001
- Amendments, done at Anchorage, Alaska 28-31 May 2007, to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, done at Washington on 2 December 1946
- Amendment, Adopted at Paris on 7 February 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005
- Amendment to Annex 2-B (United States Tariff Schedule) of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA) of 18 May 2004