

## **Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic**

The Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic was signed on 9/4/1965 and entered into force on 5/3/1967<sup>1</sup>. 117 States are party to the Convention, which constitute 93.78 % of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleets<sup>2</sup>.

The assent for the Republic of Turkey's accession to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic has been granted via the Act dated: 8/4/2014 No: 6430 (OG dated 16/4/2014, No: 28974). Subsequently the accession has been promulgated<sup>3</sup> by Board of Ministers on 1/2/2016, following the post of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 6/1/2016 No: 10261832. The instrument of accession has been deposited on the date of 13/5/2016<sup>4</sup>. International Convention has entered into force for Turkey on 12/7/2016<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> For the information regarding the Convention, see:

[http://www.imo.org/en/About/conventions/listofconventions/\\_pages/convention-on-facilitation-of-international-maritime-traffic-\(fal\).aspx](http://www.imo.org/en/About/conventions/listofconventions/_pages/convention-on-facilitation-of-international-maritime-traffic-(fal).aspx).

<sup>2</sup> This information is taken from the IMO document, which is updated regularly in order to determine the State Parties to the Convention, see:

<http://www.imo.org/en/About/Conventions/StatusOfConventions/Documents/Status%20-%202016.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> OG dated 13.03.2016 No: 29652.

<sup>4</sup> See the document from the IMO link given in the foot note (2).

<sup>5</sup> For this information see: The Board of Ministers Decision dated 4/7/2016 No: 2016/9042 (OG dated 5/8/2016 No: 29792).