

Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area

Status of Ratification and Entry into Force

The Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area was adopted and opened for signature on 9 April 1992 in Helsinki by States and by the European Economic Community participating in the Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area held in Helsinki on 9 April 1992. In accordance with its Article 35, consent to be bound by the Convention shall be expressed by (a) ratification; or (b) approval; or (c) accession. The Convention shall, after its entry into force, be open for accession by any other State or regional economic integration organization interested in fulfilling the aims and purposes of the Convention, provided that this State or organization is invited by all the Contracting Parties. In the case of limited competence of a regional economic integration organization, the terms and conditions of its participation may be agreed upon between the Commission and the interested organization.

The list below contains the latest information concerning dates of signature, consent to be bound by the Convention and entry into force. The column "Consent to be bound by the Convention" indicates the dates when the instrument of ratification (R), approval (A) or accession (a) is deposited with the Depository. The column "Entry into force" indicates the dates when the Convention enters into force for respective State.

State	Signature	Consent to be bound by the Convention	Entry into force
Denmark	9 April 1992	18 April 1996 (A)	17 January 2000
Estonia	9 April 1992	8 June 1995 (R)	17 January 2000
Finland	9 April 1992	16 June 1995 (A)	17 January 2000
Germany	9 April 1992	11 November 1994 (R)	17 January 2000
Latvia	9 April 1992	17 June 1994 (R)	17 January 2000
Lithuania	9 April 1992	30 April 1997 (R)	17 January 2000
Norway			
Poland	9 April 1992	15 November 1999 (R)	17 January 2000
Russian Federation	9 April 1992	17 November 1999 (A)	17 January 2000
Sweden	9 April 1992	9 March 1994 (R)	17 January 2000
EEC	24 September 1992	20 September 1994 (A)	17 January 2000