

# Torremolinos convention

<b>Official reference</b>	Torremolinos international convention for the safety of fishing vessels	
<b>Official website</b>	www.imo.org	
<b>Relevant dates</b>	Document	2/04/1977
	Entry into force	not (substituted by Protocol 1993)
	Ratification by Belgium	16/08/1982
	Document Protocol 1993	2/04/1993
	Entry into force	not
	Ratification by Belgium/Flanders	not
	Document Cape Town Agreement of 2012	29/10/2012
Entry into force	not	
Ratification by Belgium/Flanders	not	
<b>Policy level</b>	International	
<b>Type of instrument</b>	Convention	
<b>Geographical reach</b>	Contracting Parties	
<b>International contact point</b>	International Maritime Organisation (IMO)	
<b>Federal ratification law</b>	Wet van 16 augustus 1982 houdende goedkeuring van het Internationaal Verdrag van Torremolinos voor de beveiliging van vissersvaartuigen, en van de Bijlage, opgemaakt te Torremolinos op 2 april 1977	
<b>Note</b>	The 2012 Agreement of Cape Town will enter into force 1 year after approval of the agreement by 22 states, who together have a combined fleet of 3,600 fishing vessels with a length of 24 meters or more.	

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The Torremolinos convention (1977) was the first convention on the safety of fishing vessels. The convention contained clauses regarding the construction and the equipment of seagoing fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and over. When it was clear that the convention would never enter into force (due to technical reasons), the IMO decided to substitute the convention by a Protocol (1993).

The safety provisions of the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol are listed in the annex and include automatically controlled machinery spaces, improved life-saving appliances, immersion suits and thermal protective aids, satellite communication systems and other components of the global maritime distress and safety system.

Due to the lack of ratifications, the IMO started to reconsider the options. A new agreement was adopted in 2012; the Cape Town Agreement of 2012. This agreement amends and updates some clauses of the 1993 Protocol.