



Year	1981	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
No.	160	172	179	192	217	218	213	218	210	211	212	212	229	234	238

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2015	2016	2017	2018
No.	239	239	242	242	242	252	252	263	263

Operational Definitions

The number of multilateral treaties applied to Hong Kong as at end of year. All these treaties are grouped into several categories, which include political, diplomatic and defense (in which one treaty began to be applied to Hong Kong in 1997 but not yet in force in 1997), drugs, international crime, private international law, customs, marine pollution, science and technology, civil aviation, merchant shipping, investment and trade, health, intellectual property, conversation, postal, international labour conventions, human rights (in which the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 16.12.1966 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 16.12.1966 are applicable to Hong Kong pursuant to the Joint Declaration of Art. 39 of the Basic Law), conventions establishing international organizations (in which the year when the Agreement for the Establishment of a Regional Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia, the Far East and the South-west Pacific began to be applied to Hong Kong was unknown), transport, and telecommunications. Quite many of these treaties that apply to Hong Kong do not apply to the Mainland.

Footnote

All figures are collected from Department of Justice since 1981.