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the Government of the Republic of Estonia

respecting the

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THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA RESPECTING THE ESTATES OF
DECEASED SEAMEN.

London, December 22, 1931.

THE Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Estonia having judged it expedient to make arrangement for the disposal of the estates of deceased seamen, have agreed as follows:—

ARTICLE 1.

In the case of Estonian seamen dying on board British vessels or on British or foreign territory whilst serving on board a British ship, the competent department in London of the Government of the United Kingdom will furnish the Estonian Legation in London with copies of the accounts which may be received by them in respect of wages and effects of such deceased seamen, together with any particulars which may be at their disposal likely to facilitate the identification of the deceased and of the legal heirs.

In every case where an estate of such a deceased Estonian seaman which is received by the competent department in London does not exceed one hundred pounds sterling in value and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are satisfied that the legal heirs of the deceased seamen are resident in Estonian territory, they will dispense with the customary form of claim and, after settlement of any valid claims by creditors upon the estate, will hand over the residue of the property in question to the Estonian Legation in London.

Where the property of a deceased Estonian seaman, which is received by the competent department in London, is not so handed over, the competent department in London of the Government of the United Kingdom will, before disposing of the estate of such seaman in accordance with the appropriate law, give notice to the Estonian Legation in London of their intention to hand over such property to those persons having claims upon it, and will consider any representations that the Legation will make thereon.

The Estonian Government, on their part, undertake that in the case of all estates received by them, of British seamen, whether dying on board Estonian merchant vessels or on Estonian or foreign territory whilst serving on board an Estonian ship, similar action will be taken and the estates similarly handed over to His Majesty's Consular Officers.

ARTICLE 2.

The present Agreement shall come into force ten days after notification to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of the approval of the Estonian Parliament.⁽¹⁾ It shall be terminable at any time on a notice of one year given in advance by either of the contracting Governments to the other.

In witness whereof the Undersigned, duly authorised to that effect, have signed this Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done in duplicate at London, the 22nd day of December, 1931.

(L.S.) JOHN SIMON.

(L.S.) OSKAR KALLAS.

⁽¹⁾ The approval of the Estonian Parliament was notified to His Majesty's Government on the 17th August, 1932, and the Agreement therefore came into force on the 27th August, 1932.