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Amendment to Agreement

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the United States of America
for Co-operation on the Civil Uses of
Atomic Energy of June 15, 1955

Washington, June 13, 1956

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**AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPERATION ON THE
CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY BETWEEN THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Washington, June 13, 1956

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on its own behalf and on behalf of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, and the Government of the United States of America (including the United States Atomic Energy Commission);

Desiring to amend in certain respects the Agreement for Co-operation on the Civil Uses of Atomic Energy (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement for Co-operation") signed between them in Washington on the fifteenth day of June, 1955:(¹)

Have agreed as follows:—

ARTICLE 1

The following amendments shall be made to the Agreement for Co-operation concerning the exchange of information on reactors of primarily military significance:

(1) Paragraph C (ii) of Article I shall be amended to read as follows:—

“ (ii) Restricted data which is primarily of military significance shall not be exchanged, except as provided in Article I *bis*.”

(2) Paragraph C (iii) of Article I shall be amended to read as follows:—

“ (iii) The development of submarine, ship, aircraft, and certain package power reactors is presently concerned primarily with their military use, and there may be future types of reactors the development of which is concerned primarily with their military use. Accordingly, restricted data pertaining primarily to any of these types of reactors will not be exchanged, except as provided in Article I *bis*.”

(3) The following new Article shall be inserted after Article I:—

ARTICLE I *bis*

*“ Exchange of Information on Reactors of Primarily Military
Significance*

“ A.—At such time as any one of the types of reactors referred to in Article I C (iii) warrants application to civil uses, restricted data on that type shall be exchanged as may be agreed, subject to the provisions of Article I.

“ B.—In the meantime, and subject to the provisions of Article I, classified and unclassified information on the development, design, construction, operation and use of military package power reactors and reactors for the propulsion of naval vessels, aircraft, or land vehicles, for military purposes shall be exchanged to the extent and by such means as may be agreed. Each Party will use its best efforts

(¹) “Treaty Series No. 55 (1955),” Cmd. 9560 and “Treaty Series No. 3 (1956),” Cmd. 9677.

to ensure that any classified information received from the other Party pursuant to this paragraph will be used only in connexion with reactors intended for military use, until such time as it has been agreed under paragraph A of this Article to exchange restricted data on the type of reactor to which such classified information pertains or such information has been removed from the category of classified information by the Party from which it has been received."

- (4) In paragraph A of Article VII the words "in accordance with Article II" shall be amended to read "in accordance with Article I bis or Article II".

ARTICLE 2

Article IV of the Agreement for Co-operation shall be amended by

- (1) adding the letter "A" before the present paragraph of that Article and
- (2) adding the following new paragraph:—

"B. In connexion with any subject of agreed exchange of information as provided in Article II subject to the provisions of Article I, specific arrangements may be agreed between the Parties from time to time under which special nuclear material required for developmental purposes, including use in research and experimental reactors, may be exchanged for other materials under such terms and conditions as may be agreed."

ARTICLE 3

The following new Article shall be inserted after Article IX of the Agreement for Co-operation:—

"ARTICLE IX bis

"Responsibility for Use of Information, Material, Equipment and Devices"

"The application or use of any information (including design drawings and specifications), material, equipment or device, exchanged or transferred between the Parties under this Agreement shall be the responsibility of the Party receiving it, and the other Party does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of such information and does not warrant the suitability of such information, material, equipment, or device for any particular use or application."

ARTICLE 4

This Amendment, which shall be regarded as an integral part of the Agreement for Co-operation, shall enter into force on the date⁽²⁾ on which each Government shall receive from the other Government written notification that it has complied with all statutory and constitutional requirements for the entry into force of such Amendment.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorised, have signed this Amendment.

Done at Washington this thirteenth day of June, 1956, in two original texts.

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

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