



Treaty Series No. 74 (1947)

Exchange of Notes

between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom
and the Government of the United States of America

further modifying the Marine Transportation
and Litigation Agreement of
4th December, 1942

Washington, 17th/27th June, 1947

*Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
to Parliament by Command of His Majesty*

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No. 1

*His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the United States
Secretary of State*

His Majesty's Ambassador presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to inform him that, as the result of discussions between the Treasury Solicitor of the United Kingdom and the Attorney-General of the United States concerning the further modification of the Agreement signed in London on 4th December, 1942,⁽¹⁾ regarding mutual aid in matters of marine transportation and litigation, previously modified by the notes exchanged on 25th March and 7th May, 1946,⁽²⁾ His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are prepared to enter into an agreement with the Government of the United States on the following terms:—

For the purpose of the said Agreement, all cargoes belonging to or at the risk of either contracting Government shipped on board vessels belonging to or at the risk of the other contracting Government which are laden on board such vessels sailing at or after midnight 30th June, 1947, shall be considered in all respects as if the cargo were privately owned; and the provisions of the said Agreement shall cease to apply to such cargoes.

2. His Majesty's Ambassador therefore desires to suggest that, if the above-mentioned provision meets with the concurrence of the Government of the United States, this memorandum and the Secretary of State's reply to that effect shall be considered as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

*British Embassy,
Washington, D.C., 17th June, 1947.*

No. 2

*The United States Secretary of State to His Majesty's Ambassador
at Washington*

THE Secretary of State presents his compliments to his Excellency the British Ambassador and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of his note of 17th June, 1947, proposing a further modification of the Agreement

(1) "Treaty Series No. 1 (1943)," Cmd. 6416.

(2) "Treaty Series No. 18 (1946)," Cmd. 6847.

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signed in London on 4th December, 1942, concerning mutual aid in matters of marine transportation and litigation and subsequently modified by an exchange of notes dated 25th March and 7th May, 1946. The further modification proposed is in the following terms:—

“ For the purpose of the said Agreement, all cargoes belonging to or at the risk of either contracting Government shipped on board vessels belonging to or at the risk of the other contracting Government which are laden on board such vessels sailing at or after midnight 30th June, 1947, shall be considered in all respects as if the cargo were privately owned; and the provisions of the said Agreement shall cease to apply to such cargoes.”

The proposed modification is acceptable to the Government of the United States, and this note and the British Ambassador's note under reference shall be considered as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments on the matter.

*Department of State,
Washington, 27th June, 1947.*

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