

## MARINE TRANSPORTATION AND LITIGATION

*Exchange of notes at Washington June 17 and 27, 1947, modifying  
agreement of December 4, 1942*

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### *The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State*

Ref: 4273/6/47  
No. 345

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 the 4th December, 1942,<sup>1</sup> regarding mutual aid in matters of marine transportation and litigation, previously modified by the notes exchanged on the 25th March and the 7th May, 1946,<sup>2</sup> 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.  
*June 17th, 1947.*

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<sup>1</sup> EAS 282, *ante*, p. 631.

<sup>2</sup> TIAS 1558, *ante*, p. 792.

*The Secretary of State to the British Ambassador*

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the British Ambassador and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of his note No. 345 of June 17, 1947 proposing a further modification of the Agreement signed in London on December 4, 1942 concerning mutual aid in matters of marine transportation and litigation and subsequently modified by an exchange of notes dated March 25 and May 7, 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, June 27, 1947.*

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