

No. 55

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND
and
TRANS-JORDAN**

**Agreement respecting the Trans-Jordan Oil Mining Law
(No. 18 of 1940). Signed at Amman, on 19 July 1941**

English and Arabic official texts communicated by the Permanent United Kingdom Representative to the United Nations. The filing and recording took place on 31 October 1947.

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET
D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
TRANSJORDANIE**

**Accord relatif à la loi transjordanienne sur l'exploitation des
gisements pétrolifères (No 18 de 1940). Signé à
Amman, le 19 juillet 1941**

Textes officiels anglais et arabe communiqués par le représentant permanent du Royaume-Uni auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. Le classement et l'inscription au répertoire ont eu lieu le 31 octobre 1947.

No. 55. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY AND HIS HIGHNESS THE AMIR OF TRANS-JORDAN RESPECTING THE TRANS-JORDAN OIL MINING LAW (No. 18 OF 1940). SIGNED AT AMMAN, ON 19 JULY 1941

Whereas by Article 11 of the Oil Mining Law (No. 18 of 1940) certain powers and rights are conferred on His Highness the Amir and on the Government of Trans-Jordan in the event of a state of grave emergency of the existence of which the Amir shall be the sole judge;

And whereas by an Agreement between His Britannic Majesty and His Highness the Amir of Trans-Jordan signed on the 20th February, 1928,² (as modified by a subsequent Agreement signed on the 2nd June, 1934)³ His Highness the Amir of Trans-Jordan agreed to be guided by and to follow the advice of His Britannic Majesty in certain matters;

And whereas His Highness the Amir is willing to sign the present Agreement with His Britannic Majesty;

Now, therefore, His Britannic Majesty and His Highness the Amir of Trans-Jordan have resolved to conclude an agreement thereon, and to that end have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

His Majesty The King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India:

For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

His Excellency Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael, G.C.M.G., D.S.O.;

His Highness the Amir of Trans-Jordan:

His Excellency Tewfiq Pasha Abul Huda, C.B.E., First Class Order of Nadha, First Class Order of Al Istiqlal;

Who, having communicated their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

¹ Came into force on 19 July 1941, as from the date of signature. [By an exchange of notes dated the 16 and 30 November 1946, this Agreement was terminated on the 17 June 1946.—*Note by His Britannic Majesty's Foreign Office.*]

² Great Britain, *Treaty Series No. 7 (1930)*, Cmd. 3488.

³ Great Britain, *Treaty Series No. 34 (1935)*, Cmd. 4999.

¹ Entré en vigueur dès sa signature, le 19 juillet 1941. [Il a été mis fin à cet Accord le 17 juin 1946, par un échange de notes en date des 16 et 30 novembre 1946. — *Note du Foreign Office de Sa Majesté britannique.*]

² De Martens, *Nouveau Recueil général de Traités*, troisième série, volume 22, page 3.

Article I

His Highness the Amir as Head of the State of Trans-Jordan and on behalf of himself and of his heirs and successors agrees to follow the advice of His Britannic Majesty as to when a state or grave emergency (referred to in Article 11 of the Oil Mining Law No. 18 of 1940) exists and as to the exercise by His Highness the Amir or by the Government of Trans-Jordan of any power or right conferred by the said Article or by any other law or otherwise in respect of the seizure, appropriation, sale, purchase, supply, pre-emption, or export of any crude oil or of any product thereof and of the taking over or control of any buildings or works used in connexion with the production of crude oil or of any product thereof or held under any lease granted under the said Oil Mining Law.

Article II

The present Agreement has been drawn up in two languages, English and Arabic, and the Plenipotentiaries of each of the High Contracting Parties shall sign two English copies and two Arabic copies. Both texts shall have the same validity, but in case of divergence between the two in their interpretation of one or other of the Articles of the present Agreement the English text shall prevail.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the above-mentioned Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Amman this nineteenth day of July one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

TEWFIQ PASHA ABUL HUDA
(Signature in Arabic.)

H. A. MACMICHAEL