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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

**Agreement on settlement for lend-lease and certain claims.  
Signed at Prague, on 16 September 1948**

*Official texts: English and Czech.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 8 June 1951.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE**

**Accord portant règlement en matière de prêt-bail et de cer-  
taines créances. Signé à Prague, le 16 septembre 1948**

*Textes officiels anglais et tchèque.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 8 juin 1951.*

No. 1224. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC ON SETTLEMENT FOR LEND-LEASE AND CERTAIN CLAIMS. SIGNED AT PRAGUE, ON 16 SEPTEMBER 1948

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic have reached agreement as set forth below regarding settlement for lend-lease and for certain financial claims arising as a result of World War II. Both Governments, in arriving at this settlement, have taken full cognizance of the benefits already received by them in the defeat of their common enemies, and of the aid furnished by each Government to the other in the course of the war.

1. *Definition.* The term "lend-lease article" as used in this Agreement means any article transferred by the Government of the United States of America under the Act of March 11, 1941<sup>2</sup>,

- (a) to the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic, or
- (b) to any other government and retransferred to the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic.

2. *Lend-Lease*

- (a) *Transfer of Title.* Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph 2, the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic receives full title to lend-lease articles in its possession.
- (b) *Right of Recapture.* The Government of the United States of America reserves the right of recapture of any lend-lease articles held by the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic of types essentially or exclusively for use in war or warlike exercises, but has indicated that it does not intend to exercise generally this right of recapture. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic agrees that all such articles held by it will be used only for purposes compatible with the principles of international security and welfare set forth in the Charter of the United Nations.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 16 September 1948, as from the date of signature, in accordance with paragraph 5.

<sup>2</sup> United States of America, 55 Stat. 31.

- (c) Waiver of Payment. Except as provided in this Agreement, the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic will make no further payment to the Government of the United States of America for lend-lease articles.
- (d) Restrictions on Disposal. Disposals of lend-lease articles of types essentially or exclusively for use in war or warlike exercises, and disposals of other types of lend-lease articles except for use in Czechoslovak territory, will be made only with the consent of the Government of the United States of America. All net proceeds of disposals requiring such consent will be paid to the Government of the United States of America.

3. *Other Benefits.* In liquidation of pre and post V-J Day transfers by the Government of the United States of America, to the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic amounting to approximately \$2,762,075.67, the Government of the United States of America agrees to accept and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic agrees to pay the total sum of Czech crowns 8,648,072.50 (or such sum in Czech crowns as may be equivalent to U. S. \$172,961.45 at the official rate of exchange between Czech crowns and U. S. dollars, should such rate be other than 50 Czech crowns = 1 U. S. dollar upon date of payment) not later than ten (10) days after the execution of this agreement. Payment of the foregoing amount shall be made in Czech crowns to the American Embassy in the city of Prague. On the receipt by the American Embassy of the foregoing amount, the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic shall be released from any and all obligations except as otherwise specified in this agreement arising under the Act of Congress of the United States of America dated March 11, 1941, known as the "Lend-Lease Act" and under the Master Lend-Lease Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic signed July 11, 1942,<sup>1</sup> including transfers received by the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic from countries other than the United States of America. Any claim or claims that may be advanced against the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic by a government other than the Government of the United States of America arising out of either of the above mentioned Lend-Lease Act and Agreement may be referred by the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic to the Government of the United States of America for appropriate attention.

<sup>1</sup> See page 257 of this volume.

4. *Other Claims Reserved.* This Agreement does not affect claims or negotiations except those arising out of lend-lease or otherwise specifically disposed of by this Agreement.

5. *Effective Date.* This Agreement shall be effective upon signature.

DONE at Praha, in duplicate, in the English and Czech languages, this 16 day of September, 1948.

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