

No. 3214

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement modifying
the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Consular
Rights of 8 December 1923 between the Governments
of those two countries. Washington, 2 June 1953**

Official text: English.

Registered by the United States of America on 6 April 1956.

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord modifiant le Traité
d'amitié, de commerce et consulaire du 8 décembre
1923 entre les Gouvernements de ces deux pays.
Washington, 2 juin 1953**

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 6 avril 1956.

No. 3214. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY MODIFYING THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE AND CONSULAR RIGHTS OF 8 DECEMBER 1923² BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THOSE TWO COUNTRIES. WASHINGTON, 2 JUNE 1953

I

The Secretary of State to the Chargé d'Affaires of the Federal Republic of Germany

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1953

Sir :

I refer to various discussions which have taken place concerning the liability of German nationals to compulsory service in the armed forces of the United States, and to the problem presented to this Government in carrying out the provisions of Article VI of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Consular Rights signed at Washington on December 8, 1923,² in the light of the Universal Military Training and Service Act of 1951.³ The Act provides that aliens admitted to the United States for permanent residence shall be subject to induction on the same terms as United States citizens.

In view of this situation, I wish to inform you of the desire of this Government to modify the said Treaty as provided in Article XXXI thereof, by omitting the said Article VI, and I herewith request you to notify your Government that, beginning one year from the date of this note, the Government of the United States will consider the said Article VI to be no longer an operative part of the said Treaty of 1923.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State :

G. W. LEWIS

Dr. Heinz L. Krekeler
Chargé d'Affaires of the Federal Republic of Germany

¹ Came into force on 2 June 1953 by the exchange of the said notes.

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. LII, p. 133 ; Vol. LXXII, p. 480, and Vol. CLXIII, p. 415.

³ United States of America : 65 Stat. 75 ; 50 U.S.C. app. § 451 *et seq.*

II

The Chargé d'Affaires of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Secretary of State

DIPLOMATIC MISSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 2, 1953

Excellency :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's note, dated June 2, 1953, by which the American Government serves notice of its desire to modify the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Consular Rights signed at Washington, December 8, 1923, by omitting Article VI of the Treaty in accordance with the provisions contained in Article XXXI thereof.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Heinz L. KREKELER
Chargé d'Affaires of the Federal Republic of Germany

His Excellency John Foster Dulles
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.