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

**Agreement regarding films. Signed at Bonn, on 26 April  
1956**

*Official texts: English and German.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 20 December 1957.*

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

**Accord relatif aux films cinématographiques. Signé à  
Bonn, le 26 avril 1956**

*Textes officiels anglais et allemand.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 20 décembre 1957.*

No. 4122. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY REGARDING FILMS. SIGNED AT BONN, ON 26 APRIL 1956

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*Article 1*

The United States of America agrees to the entire elimination of the note to Tariff No. 3708 of Schedule XXXIII<sup>2</sup> of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade with respect to a screen time quota for the exhibition of foreign films in the Federal Republic of Germany.

*Article 2*

The Federal Republic of Germany agrees not to impose any other or more burdensome conditions or requirements upon the importation of foreign films into or their exhibition in the territory of the Federal Republic until December 31, 1957, unless they are measures which apply in the same manner to domestic and foreign films. The period of the undertaking in this article will be automatically extended for a further period of one year unless specifically denounced by either party before September 30, 1957. The Contracting Parties agree that this obligation does not exclude the application of Article XIX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.<sup>3</sup>

*Article 3*

Should a screen time quota be instituted after the expiration of the period mentioned in Article 2 and in this case should the German exchange position demand prohibitions or restrictions, these can only be imposed through the non-transfer of proceeds. This undertaking can be denounced in any year up until the 30th of September, with effect on December 31 of that year.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 17 August 1957, one month after the date of receipt by the Government of the United States of America of notification of its constitutional ratification in the Federal Republic of Germany, in accordance with article 6.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 131, p. 320; Vol. 135, p. 336; Vol. 142, pp. 13 and 34; Vol. 146, p. 111; Vol. 172, p. 340; Vol. 176, p. 1; Vol. 220, p. 239, and Vol. 246, p. 99.

<sup>3</sup> See note 1, p. 308 of this Volume,

*Article 4*

Both Contracting Parties specifically reserve all rights arising from Article XXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

*Article 5*

This Agreement also applies to the *Land* Berlin, which for the purpose of the agreement comprises only those areas over which the Berlin Senat exercises jurisdiction, provided that within three months following the effective date of the agreement the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany shall have furnished to the Government of the United States of America a written notification that all legal procedures necessary for the application of the present agreement in Berlin have been complied with.

*Article 6*

The present Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date of receipt by the Government of the United States of America of notification of its constitutional ratification in the Federal Republic of Germany.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Bonn, this 26 day of April 1956, in duplicate in the English and German languages, each of which shall be of equal authenticity.

For the United States of America :  
James Bryant CONANT

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For the Federal Republic of Germany :  
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