

No. 9130

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**
and
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

**Agreement concerning the settlement of mutual financial and
property claims. Signed at London, on 5 January 1968**

Official texts : English and Russian.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on
4 June 1968.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**
et
**UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES
SOVIÉTIQUES**

**Accord relatif au règlement de certaines créances financières
et relatives à des biens invoquées de part et d'autre.
Signé à Londres, le 5 janvier 1968**

Textes officiels anglais et russe.

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No. 9130. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT OF MUTUAL FINANCIAL AND PROPERTY CLAIMS. SIGNED AT LONDON, ON 5 JANUARY 1968

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

In formulation of the agreement concerning the final settlement of mutual property and financial claims arising after 1 January, 1939 reached between the Parties and set out in the Joint Declaration of 12 February, 1967;

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The Government of the United Kingdom will neither on its own behalf nor on behalf of its physical and juridical persons pursue with the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics or support claims arising after 1 January, 1939 which were the subject of negotiations between the two sides between 1959 and 1967 :

- (a) in relation to property, rights and banking, commercial and financial interests, including those affected by nationalisation or other measures, in the Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian Soviet Socialist Republics or in the Western Regions of the Ukrainian, Moldavian and Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republics and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, owned by the Government or nationals of the United Kingdom; and in relation also to bonds owned by nationals of the United Kingdom;
- (b) in relation to shipping services provided under the Ships' Expenses and Freights Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of 22 June, 1942.

Article 2

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will neither on its own behalf nor on behalf of its physical and juridical persons pursue with

¹ Came into force on 5 January 1968, the date of signature, in accordance with article 7.

the Government of the United Kingdom or support claims arising after 1 January, 1939 which were the subject of negotiations between the two sides between 1959 and 1967 :

- (a) in relation to property and other assets situated on the territory of the United Kingdom (including bank accounts, ships detained by the British Authorities, and banking, commercial and financial interests) which belonged to physical and juridical persons of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia and also of the Western Regions of the Ukrainian, Moldavian and Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republics and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic;
- (b) in relation to the gold of the former central banks of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia held in the Bank of England, the transfer of which to the State Bank of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was withheld by the Government of the United Kingdom.

Article 3

The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics shall be solely responsible for the settlement of claims and the distribution to physical and juridical persons, nationals of their respective States, of the assets remaining in each country, the question of which has been settled by the present Agreement.

Article 4

The Government of the United Kingdom undertakes further that, from the assets indicated in Article 2, it will make a settlement, along with other claims, of claims by the holders of unredeemed Notes issued by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the British joint stock companies, the Tetiue Mining Corporation and Lena Goldfields Ltd. of London, irrespective of the nationality of such holders.

Article 5

(1) The Government of the United Kingdom shall, from the assets indicated in Article 2 of the present Agreement, make the agreed payment of £500,000 to the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics by depositing on 12 January, 1968 the sum of £500,000 in a special account at the Bank of England in the name of the State Bank of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. This sum shall be used for payment for consumer goods of British manufacture which shall be bought by the Soviet Union in the United Kingdom. These purchases shall supplement and not replace the purchases carried out in accordance with Article 4 of the current Five-Year Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

(2) Soviet external trade organisations shall conclude, according to their own choice and on normal commercial conditions with the corresponding companies or persons situated and carrying on business in the United Kingdom, contracts for the delivery to the Soviet Union of footwear, knitted garments, woollen fabrics and other consumer goods.

(3) The trade representation of the Soviet Union in the United Kingdom shall inform the Board of Trade of the United Kingdom concerning each contract on which payment is proposed to be made from the special account referred to in paragraph (1) of the present Article. The Bank of England shall make the payment when notified by the Board of Trade of the United Kingdom that the contract is in conformity with paragraph (1) of the present Article. The Board of Trade shall transmit such notification to the Bank of England in the course of ten days from the date of receipt of the notification of a contract from the trade representation of the Soviet Union. Payments which shall be carried out from the special account shall not include the cost of freight and insurance.

(4) The technical arrangements for the opening and operation of the special account shall be agreed between the State Bank of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Bank of England.

Article 6

Each Government shall transmit to the other as soon as possible and to the extent practicable all documents concerning property, rights and interests settled as a result of the present Agreement.

Article 7

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at London the Fifth day of January, 1968 in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland :

George BROWN

For the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics :

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