

INTERCHANGE OF PATENT RIGHTS, INFORMATION, INVENTIONS, DESIGNS, OR PROCESSES

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in further fulfillment of the policy set forth in their agreement of February 23, 1942³ on the principles applying to mutual aid in the prosecution of the war against aggression, have considered the interchange of patent rights, information, and similar matters, and have authorized their representatives to agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Each Government, in so far as it may lawfully do so, will procure and make available to the other Government for use in war production patent rights, information, inventions, designs, or processes requested by the other Government. In the case of the United States of America, the law authorizing such procurement and transfer is now the Act of the Congress of the United States approved March 11, 1941 (Public 11, 77th Congress).⁴ Each Government will bear the cost of the procurement of such patent rights, information, inventions, designs, or processes from its own nationals. In this Agreement the term "nationals" shall include all corporations and natural persons domiciled, resident, or otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Government concerned (as well as the Government itself and all of its agencies), except natural persons who are exclusively citizens or subjects of the country of the other Government. The basic principle as to which Government shall undertake and bear the cost of procurement in doubtful cases shall be decided in

¹ TIAS 1510, *post*, p. 782.

² Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States Oct. 8, 1945.

³ EAS 241, *ante*, p. 603.

⁴ 55 Stat. 31.