

ECONOMIC FUSION OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH ZONES OF OCCUPATION IN GERMANY

Memorandum of agreement signed at New York December 2, 1946

Entered into force January 1, 1947

Amended by agreements of December 17, 1947,¹ and June 30, 1949²

*Extended by agreements of December 31, 1948;³ March 31, 1949;⁴
and June 30, 1949²*

Implemented by agreement of June 28, 1950⁵

Expired September 30, 1949.⁶

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Representatives of the two Governments have met at Washington to discuss the questions arising out of the economic fusion of their zones of occupation in Germany. They have taken as the basis of their discussion the fact that the aim of the two Governments is to achieve the economic unity of Germany as a whole, in accordance with the agreement reached at Potsdam on 2nd August, 1945.⁷ The arrangements set out hereunder, for the United States and United Kingdom Zones, should be regarded as the first step towards the achievement of the economic unity of Germany as a whole in accordance with that agreement. The two Governments are ready at any time to enter into discussions with either of the other occupying powers with a view to the extension of these arrangements to their zones of occupation.

On this basis, agreement has been reached on the following paragraphs:—

1. *Date of inception.* This agreement for the economic fusion of the two zones shall take effect on 1st January, 1947.

¹ TIAS 1689, *post*, p. 833.

² TIAS 1962, *post*, p. 937.

³ TIAS 1883, *post*, p. 925.

⁴ TIAS 1959, *post*, p. 934.

⁵ 1 UST 540; TIAS 2098.

⁶ Except for provisions of paragraph 6(e), which were continued in force by exchange of notes of June 28, 1950 (1 UST 540; TIAS 2098).

⁷ *Ante*, vol. 3, p. 1229.