

# LEND-LEASE SETTLEMENT: MARITIME CLAIMS AND LITIGATION

*Agreement signed at Washington March 14, 1949, supplementing  
memorandum of understanding of May 28, 1946  
Entered into force March 14, 1949*

63 Stat. 2499; Treaties and Other  
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## AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE RESPECTING MARITIME CLAIMS AND LITIGATION

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic, desiring to avoid between themselves and between their nationals litigation in matters of maritime transportation, and desiring to carry out the terms and spirit of paragraph 6(b) of the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Settlement for Lend-Lease, Reciprocal Aid, Surplus War Property, and Claims, dated May 28, 1946,<sup>1</sup> agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I

Each of the Contracting Governments hereby waives all claims against the other Contracting Government or against any servant or agent of such Government in any case where such servant or agent is entitled to indemnity from his or its Government, arising as follows:

(1) Claims arising out of loss of or damage to the vessels, cargoes, aids to navigation, shore structures or port installations, fixed or movable, owned by one Contracting Government, caused by the navigation, operation, construction or location of the vessels, cargoes, aids to navigation, shore structures or port installations, fixed or movable, owned by the other Contracting Government.

(2) Claims arising out of salvage services, including temporary repairs incidental to the salvage itself, rendered by one Contracting Government or by any organization owned or so controlled by it as to authorize it to make this waiver on its behalf, to any vessel, cargo or freight owned by the other Contracting Government.

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<sup>1</sup> TIAS 1928, *ante*, p. 1126.