

RESTORATION OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AFFECTED BY WORLD WAR II

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FRANCE CONCERNING THE RESTORATION OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AFFECTED BY WORLD WAR II

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic,

Being desirous of remedying the effects on industrial property rights of their nationals resulting from World War II by concluding an agreement for extending the rights of priority in patent matters and the times for taking action with respect to patents and patent applications, and related matters,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The periods of priority provided by Article 4 of the Convention of Union of Paris for the Protection of Industrial Property, last revised at London on June 2, 1934,² and by the laws of the respective countries in accordance therewith, for the filing of applications for patents or designs and models, which had not expired on September 8, 1939, and those which have arisen since that date, are extended by each of the countries, in favor of the nationals of the other country, until August 7, 1947.

Documents required for support of a claim of priority may be filed before the expiration of six months from the date of filing of the application.

Patents already issued without a claim for priority shall benefit from the provisions of the first paragraph of this Article on the condition that the request for priority and the required documents be filed by August 7, 1947.

¹ TIAS 1725, *post*, p. 1222.

² TS 941, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 228.