

## CLAIMS: MARINE TRANSPORTATION AND LITIGATION

*Exchange of notes at Washington May 29, 1945, with text of  
agreement*

*Entered into force May 29, 1945*

*Terminated October 29, 1945*<sup>1</sup>

59 Stat. 1541; Executive Agreement Series 471

*The Acting Secretary of State to the Norwegian Ambassador*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

*May 29, 1945*

### EXCELLENCY:

With reference to recent communications and conversations between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Norway in relation to the making of an agreement between the two Governments relating to certain problems of marine transportation and litigation, I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States of America is prepared to give effect to an agreement in the following terms:

ARTICLE 1 (1) Each contracting Government agrees to waive all claims arising out of or in connection with negligent navigation or general average in respect of any cargo or freight owned by such Government and in respect of any vessel (including naval vessel) owned by such Government against the other contracting Government or any cargo freight or vessel (including naval vessel) owned by such other Government or against any servant or agent of such other Government or in any case where such other Government represents that such claim if made would ultimately be borne by such other Government.

(2) Each contracting Government agrees on behalf of itself and of any organization which is owned or controlled by it and operating for its account

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to notice of termination given by Norway Sept. 29, 1945. However, para. III B(1) of the agreement of Feb. 24, 1948 (TIAS 1716, *post*, p. 568), provides that the agreement of May 29, 1945, be considered as remaining in force through June 30, 1946, as to any claims arising out of maritime incidents which remained unsettled as of Feb. 24, 1948.