

N° 4231.

**UNION SUD-AFRICAINE,
AUSTRALIE,
GRANDE-BRETAGNE,
DANEMARK, ESTONIE, etc.**

Arrangement concernant la suppression des patentes de santé. Signé à Paris, le 22 décembre 1934.

**UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA,
AUSTRALIA,
GREAT BRITAIN, DENMARK,
ESTONIA, etc.**

Agreement for dispensing with Bills of Health. Signed at Paris, December 22nd, 1934.

¹ TRADUCTION. — TRANSLATION.

No. 4231. — AGREEMENT² FOR DISPENSING WITH BILLS OF HEALTH.
SIGNED AT PARIS, DECEMBER 22ND, 1934.

French official text communicated by the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs. The registration of this Agreement took place December 13th, 1937.

The under-mentioned Governments desiring, in accordance with the spirit of Article 49 (4) and of Article 57 of the International Sanitary Convention³, signed at Paris on the 21st June, 1926, to reduce as far as possible the formalities to which merchant vessels are subject, the undersigned, provided with full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the following provisions :

1. All ships registered in the metropolitan territory of one of the Contracting Governments, from whatever place arriving, shall be exempted at any port in the metropolitan territories of the other Contracting Governments from the obligation to produce a bill of health.

2. Each of the Contracting Governments undertakes not to require such vessels on calling at its ports to produce any documents such as a consular bill of health or any other certificate or to carry out formalities which would render ineffective the exemption provided for in Article 1.

3. (a) Each of the Contracting Governments at the time of signing or acceding to this Agreement may declare that it intends to make it applicable to all or to any of its colonies, overseas territories, protectorates or territories under its suzerainty or mandate.

(b) It shall likewise have the right subsequently to accede to this Agreement in respect of all or part of its colonies, overseas territories, protectorates or territories under its suzerainty or mandate by notifying the French Government in writing. In this case the accession shall become effective six months after the date of such notification.

(c) At any time after the expiration of the period of five years mentioned in Article 5, any Contracting Government may, by a notification in writing to the French Government, declare that this Agreement shall cease to apply to all or to any of its colonies, overseas territories, protectorates or territories under its suzerainty or mandate, to which it has been extended under the terms of the foregoing paragraphs. Such declaration shall take effect six months after the said notification.

(d) The French Government shall immediately inform the Contracting Governments and the International Office of Public Health of any notifications which it may receive

¹ Traduction du Foreign Office de Sa Majesté britannique.

¹ Translation of His Britannic Majesty's Foreign Office.

² Came into force April 1st, 1935.

³ Vol. LXXXVIII, page 229 ; Vol. XCII, page 409 ; Vol. CIV, page 513 ; Vol. CVII, page 524 ; and Vol. CLXXII, page 411, of this Series.

under the provisions of the two preceding paragraphs, indicating at the same time the date of each notification.

(e) Vessels registered in any territory to which this Agreement is applicable under the previous paragraphs of this Article shall be entitled to the benefits of the provisions of Articles 1 and 2.

4. Any Government which is not a signatory of the present Agreement, other than the Government of any of the territories mentioned in Article 3, may accede to it hereafter at any time. Such accession shall be effected by notification in writing to the French Government and shall take effect six months after the date of such notification. The French Government shall notify the Contracting Governments and the International Office of Public Health of each accession and of the date of the notification.

5. The present Agreement may be denounced by any Contracting Government at any time after the expiration of five years from this day. Denunciation shall be effected by means of a notification in writing to the French Government and shall take effect six months after the date of notification.

The French Government shall immediately notify the Contracting Governments and the International Office of Public Health of any denunciations received and of the date of each denunciation.

6. The present Agreement shall not prevent any of the Contracting Governments from concluding separate agreements among themselves or with non-contracting countries for dispensing with bills of health. Every such agreement shall be deposited with the French Government, which shall inform the International Office of Public Health and the Governments Parties to the present Agreement.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Agreement, which shall come into force on the 1st April, 1935.

Done at Paris on the 22nd December, 1934, in a single copy, which shall be deposited in the archives of the French Government.

For Australia :

(L. S.) George R. CLERK.

For Great Britain :

(L. S.) George R. CLERK.

For Denmark :

(Subject to ratification.)

(L. S.) O. SEHESTED.

For Estonia :

The present Agreement will take effect in respect of Estonia from the date of the notification of the Estonian ratification to the French Government.

(L. S.) O. STRANDMAN.

For Greece :

(L. S.) POLITIS.

For the Netherlands :

(L. S.) J. LOUDON.

For Sweden :

(L. S.) Einar HENNINGS.

For the Union of South Africa :

(L. S.) Eric H. LOUW.

For the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics :

(L. S.) Marcel ROSENBERG.

For New Zealand :

(L. S.) George R. CLERK.
