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It is notified that the formal state of War with Germany is terminated as from four o'clock p.m. to-day, the 9th July, 1951.

On the instructions of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the United Kingdom High Commissioner in Germany addressed on 9th July, 1951, a communication to the Federal Government of Germany in the following terms:

"His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, bearing in mind that on 3rd September, 1939 a state of war was notified with the German Reich,

that active hostilities were ended by the declaration regarding the Surrender of the German Reich issued on the 5th June, 1945, but nevertheless the formal state of war with Germany has continued to subsist so far as the municipal law of the United Kingdom is concerned, and will so continue until the appropriate action is taken by His Majesty's Government to terminate it,

that through circumstances beyond German control it has as yet proved impossible to conclude a treaty which would dispose of questions arising out of the state of war with the German Reich,

have determined that, without prejudice to the Occupation Statute, or to the decision of questions the settlement of which must await the conclusion

of a treaty, the formal state of war between the United Kingdom and Germany shall be immediately terminated.

A notification is, therefore, being published that the formal state of war with Germany has terminated as from four o'clock p.m. on the 9th July, 1951.

His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom must reserve the right to retain any money or property subject to control by virtue of Trading with the Enemy legislation or in the custody of any prize court but they desire to recall that under that legislation no obstacle has been placed since the 23rd March, 1949, in the way of the resumption of full commercial and financial dealings between persons in the United Kingdom and persons in Germany or of the acquisition of property not then subject to control, and this position will remain unaltered.

Contracts concluded before the war between persons in the United Kingdom and persons in Germany will also remain subject to Trading with the Enemy legislation, but contracts concluded on or after the 23rd March, 1949, have been in the same position as contracts concluded with persons in any friendly country and no obstacles have been or will be raised in connexion with them by reason of the fact that a formal state of war has previously existed between the United Kingdom and Germany."

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