

No. 2842

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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
and  
DENMARK**

**Agreement (with agreed minute) regarding military service.  
Signed at London, on 20 January 1955**

*Official texts: English and Danish.*

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on  
26 May 1955.*

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
et  
DANEMARK**

**Accord (avec procès-verbal approuvé) relatif au service  
militaire. Signé à Londres, le 20 janvier 1955**

*Textes officiels anglais et danois.*

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le  
26 mai 1955.*

No. 2842. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE. SIGNED AT LONDON, ON 20 JANUARY 1955

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The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark,

Desiring, in a spirit of friendship, to extend special consideration to persons who are, or may become, liable, under the laws of the United Kingdom and of Denmark, to perform compulsory military service in the armed forces of both countries;

Have agreed as follows :—

*Article 1*

This Agreement shall apply to persons who are or may become liable to perform compulsory military service both under the law in force with regard to such service in the United Kingdom and under that in force with regard to such service in Denmark.

For the purpose of this Agreement service in the Danish Civil Defence Corps shall be regarded as constituting compulsory military service under the law in force in Denmark and the expression "armed forces of Denmark" shall be construed as including the Danish Civil Defence Corps.

*Article 2*

Persons to whom this Agreement applies shall be deemed to have fulfilled the military obligations imposed upon them by the law in force in Denmark if they have fulfilled their obligations in the armed forces of the United Kingdom and furnish as proof of this a duly authenticated certificate obtained on application from the competent authorities of the United Kingdom.

*Article 3*

Persons to whom this Agreement applies shall be deemed to have fulfilled the military obligations imposed upon them by the law in force in the United Kingdom if they have fulfilled their obligations in the armed forces of Denmark and furnish as proof of this a duly authenticated certificate obtained on application from the competent authorities of Denmark.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 20 January 1955, by signature, in accordance with article 12.

*Article 4*

The competent authorities of each of the Contracting Parties shall, on or after the registration for military service of persons to whom they know that this Agreement applies, notify the persons concerned that they have the choice of performing their military service in the armed forces of either of the two countries and that their call-up will be suspended until they reach the age of 21, unless they apply to the contrary.

*Article 5*

Persons to whom this Agreement applies, who are rejected for military service on medical grounds or excepted from service in the armed forces in accordance with the laws governing compulsory military service in the country concerned shall, for the purposes of the present Agreement, be deemed to have fulfilled their military obligations if they furnish as proof of rejection or exception a duly authenticated certificate furnished by the competent authorities of the country concerned.

*Article 6*

Persons to whom this Agreement applies who have voluntarily enlisted in the armed forces of one of the two countries and have served for a period of not less than the term of military service prescribed by law in that country at the time of discharge shall, for the purpose of the present Agreement, be considered as having fulfilled their military obligations.

*Article 7*

Persons to whom this Agreement applies who have been granted a deferment or postponement of call-up by the competent authorities of one of the two countries shall not be called up for service in the armed forces of the other country until the period of deferment or postponement has expired. A duly authenticated certificate issued by the competent authorities of the country which has granted deferment or postponement shall be accepted as proof of such deferment or postponement.

*Article 8*

Persons to whom this Agreement applies who, during their term of military service in the armed forces of one of the two countries, obtain official leave to proceed to the other country shall not be called up for service in the armed forces of that country if they produce a duly authenticated certificate issued at their request by the competent authorities of the country granting the said leave.

This certificate shall show the surname, Christian names, rank, regiment or service and identifying number of the person concerned, together with the date of commencement and expiration of leave. The person concerned may be required to produce this certificate at any time during his stay.

*Article 9*

Nothing in the present Agreement shall in the event of an emergency prevent the competent authorities of either of the Contracting Parties from calling up for service persons to whom this Agreement applies or from placing their names on the reserve list. Persons called up by either of the Contracting Parties in accordance with this article shall, on or before the completion of their emergency service, be furnished with a certificate giving full particulars of the date and nature of the call-up.

*Article 10*

Any dispute concerning the application and interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled through the diplomatic channel or in default of such settlement by such other means as the Contracting Parties may agree.

*Article 11*

The provisions of this Agreement may be extended by an Exchange of Notes between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Denmark to persons who are or may become liable to perform compulsory military service both under the law with regard to such service in any of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and under that in force with regard to such service in Denmark.

*Article 12*

The present Agreement shall enter into force on signature, and shall remain in force until the expiration of six months from the date on which either of the Contracting Parties shall have given written notice of termination to the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

DONE in duplicate at London this twentieth day of January, 1955, in the English and Danish languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

[L.S.] Anthony NUTTING

[L.S.] STEENSEN-LETH

## AGREED MINUTE

It is understood that persons to whom the Anglo-Danish Military Service Agreement, signed this day, applies and who have completed their full-time service in the armed forces of the one country shall be deemed, for the purposes of Articles 2 and 3 of the Agreement, to have fulfilled all the military obligations, including the obligation to perform part-time service in peace-time, imposed upon them by the law in force in the other country.

Anthony NUTTING  
STEENSEN-LETH