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The Foreign Compensation (Financial Provisions) Order, 1954

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Coming into Operation	*27th January*, 1954

At the Court of Saint James, the 20th day of January, 1954

Present,

His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester.
Earl of Harewood.

Lord President
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
Mr. Lennox-Boyd
Mr. James Clyde

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the twentieth day of November, 1953, to delegate to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood, or any two or more of them, as Counsellors of State, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval of anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And Whereas an Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the Czechoslovak Agreement") entered into between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Czechoslovakia on the 28th day of September, 1949(**a**), provided for the payment of certain sums by the Government of Czechoslovakia to the Government of the United Kingdom as compensation in respect of British property, rights and interests affected by various Czechoslovak measures;

And Whereas Agreements (hereinafter referred to as "the Yugoslav Agreements") entered into between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Yugoslavia on the 23rd day of December, 1948(**b**), and the 26th day of December, 1949(**c**), provided for the payment of certain sums by the Government of Yugoslavia to the Government of the United Kingdom as compensation in respect of British property, rights and interests affected by various Yugoslav measures;

And Whereas by sub-section (2) of Section 7 of the Foreign Compensation Act, 1950(**d**), (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") it is provided that Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct the payment into the Exchequer by the Commission, out of any sums paid to the Commission for the purpose of being distributed under the Act, of such amount as may be determined by or under the Order to be the amount of the expenses of the Commission in relation to the distribution of these sums;

(**a**) "Treaty Series No. 60 (1949)", Cmd. 7797. (**b**) "Treaty Series No. 2 (1949)", Cmd. 7600.
(**c**) "Treaty Series No. 5 (1950)", Cmd. 7875. (**d**) 14 Geo. 6. c. 12.

And Whereas it is now expedient that provision for those evpenses should be made in relation to the period 1st October, 1952, to 30th September, 1953;

Now, therefore, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester and the Earl of Harewood, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 7 of the Foreign Compensation Act, 1950, do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The Commission shall pay into the Exchequer, out of the sums received by Her Majesty's Government under the Czechoslovak Agreement and paid to the Commission for the purpose of being distributed by the Commission under the Act, the amount of £39,551 14s. 2d. which is hereby determined to be the amount of the expenses of the Commission attributable to the discharge by the Commission of their functions in relation to the distribution of those sums during the period 1st October, 1952, to 30th September, 1953.

2. The Commission shall pay into the Exchequer, out of the sums received by Her Majesty's Government under the Yugoslav Agreements and paid to the Commission for the purpose of being distributed by the Commission under the Act, the amount of £13,045 12s. 8d., which is hereby determined to be the amount of the expenses of the Commission attributable to the discharge by the Commission of their functions in relation to the distribution of those sums during the period 1st October, 1952, to 30th September, 1953.

3. The payments into the Exchequer of the amounts provided for in Articles 1 and 2 of this Order shall be made not later than 25th March, 1954.

4.—(*a*) This Order may be cited as the Foreign Compensation (Financial Provisions) Order, 1954.

(*b*) This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1954.

And the Right Honourable Anthony Eden, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is to give the necessary directions herein.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The purpose of this Order, which is made under Section 7 (2) of the Foreign Compensation Act, 1950, is to enable the Foreign Compensation Commission to repay, out of sums received by Her Majesty's Government under the Czechoslovak and Yugoslav Compensation Agreements and paid to the Commission under the Act, the amount of the Commission's expenses during the period 1st October, 1952 to 30th September, 1953, in relation to the distribution of these sums.

Similar Orders were made in respect of the periods 1st August, 1950 to 30th September, 1951 (S.I. 1952/349; 1952, I, p. 1094) and 1st October, 1951 to 30th September, 1952 (S.I. 1953/391).