

No. 9226

**NETHERLANDS
and
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

**Treaty concerning the regulation of railway frontier crossings
(with annexes). Signed at The Hague, on 22 September
1966**

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**PAYS-BAS
et
RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE**

**Traité portant réglementation des franchissements de fron-
tière par voie ferrée (avec annexes). Signé à La Haye,
le 22 septembre 1966**

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Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 6 septembre 1968.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 9226. TREATY¹ BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF RAILWAY FRONTIER CROSSINGS. SIGNED AT THE HAGUE, ON 22 SEPTEMBER 1966

The Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Federal Republic of Germany,
Desiring to adapt to present conditions the existing agreements between the two States relating to sections of railway line which cross the frontier,

Having regard to articles 83 and 84 of the Frontier Treaty of 8 April 1960² between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Federal Republic of Germany,

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

1. The Contracting Parties shall keep in being the railway frontier crossings existing on the date of entry into force of this Treaty, subject to the provisions of article 2. The said crossings are enumerated in annex 1 to this Treaty.

2. The Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with their legislative provisions, endeavour to ensure that the railway administrations in the two States :

- (a) Maintain and renovate, and if necessary alter and expand, the installations of the railway frontier crossings in a manner which conforms to the requirements of railway traffic across the frontier;
- (b) Use the railway frontier crossings according to their nature and scope, so that they meet the requirements of railway traffic across the frontier in an economical manner.

3. Each of the Contracting Parties shall be bound, at the request of the other Party, to enter into discussions with it concerning the application of this article.

Article 2

1. No new railway frontier crossings shall be established and no existing railway frontier crossings shall be closed or transferred until the Ministers of the

¹ Came into force on 12 July 1968, one month after the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place in Bonn on 12 June 1968, in accordance with article 6 (2).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 508, p. 14.

Contracting Parties who are responsible for railway traffic have notified each other by letter of their consent thereto. The same shall apply to the discontinuance of all passenger traffic or all goods traffic through any one of the aforementioned railway frontier crossings.

2. In the event of the establishment of new railway frontier crossings or the closure or transfer of existing railway frontier crossings, the exchange of letters referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall constitute an administrative agreement to amend annex 1 to this Treaty.

3. Before any changes are made which may substantially reduce the capacity of a railway frontier crossing, the Ministers of the Contracting Parties who are responsible for railway traffic shall enter into discussions on the subject if either of the Contracting Parties so desires.

Article 3

This Treaty shall not affect the Agreement¹ between the Contracting Parties concerning the merging of frontier control operations and the establishment of joint and transfer railway stations at the Netherlands-German frontier, dated 30 May 1958, or the agreements concluded for the application of the said Agreement.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties agree that the agreements enumerated in annex 2 to this Treaty shall cease to have effect not later than the date of entry into force of this Treaty.

Article 5

This Treaty shall also apply to the *Land* of Berlin unless the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany delivers a declaration to the contrary to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands within three months after the entry into force of this Treaty.

Article 6

1. This Treaty is subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Bonn.

2. This Treaty shall enter into force one month after the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

3. This Treaty shall cease to have effect eighteen months after it is denounced in writing by either Contracting Party. In the event of denunciation,

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 570, p. 127; Vol. 578, p. 282, and Vol. 592, p. 282.