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AMENDMENTS GO INTO FORCE

ON U.S.-EURATOM COOPERATION AGREEMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 13---Two amendments to the United States-European Atomic Energy Community cooperation agreement have been placed in force, it was announced in Brussels today.

The first amendment makes it possible for Euratom to lease fissionable materials from the United States Atomic Energy Commission for use in reactors to be built under the existing U.S.-Euratom Joint Program. Previously these materials had to be bought outright.

The second amendment puts at the Community's disposal---by either purchase or lease---the unused proportion of the 30,000 Kg. quota of fissionable materials earmarked for the Joint Program. This can be used either for research purposes or the fueling of new power reactors.

The Joint Program began operation in November, 1958, and was supplemented by further U.S.-Euratom agreements in June, 1960, and May, 1962. It provides for general cooperation in peaceful uses of atomic energy.

The amendments were officially put into effect July 9 after an exchange of letters by W. Walton Butterworth, U.S. Ambassador to the European Communities, and Pierre Chatenet, President of the Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community.

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