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The Department of External Affairs announced today the completion of an Equal Treatment Agreement between Canada and Belgium in connection with war damage compensation. In order to benefit from the agreement, applicants, whether individuals or corporations, must prove that they enjoyed Canadian nationality both when the damage was sustained and on August 17, 1949. Persons who were Canadian nationals on one only of these dates and were, on the other date, either Belgian nationals or nationals of another country with which Belgium has concluded a reciprocal agreement on war damage compensations, are also entitled to claim under the agreement. Individuals and corporations who qualify under the agreement will receive equal treatment with Belgian nationals under Belgian legislation.

Claims are to be submitted before June 2, 1950, directly to the appropriate Belgian authorities.

Petitions must be filed on special forms issued by the Belgian Government and obtainable from the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa.
