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Convention commerciale provisoire,
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Provisional Commercial Agreement,
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French official text communicated by the Greek Chargé d'Affaires at Berne. The registration of this Agreement took place October 24, 1925.

Preamble.

The Government of the Greek Republic and the Federal Government of Austria, having decided to conclude a provisional Commercial Agreement between Greece and Austria with a view to promoting commercial relations between these two countries, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their Governments, have agreed as follows :

Article 1.

Greek industrial and agricultural products and goods in general imported into Austria shall enjoy the treatment accorded to products and goods of the most-favoured nation.

Austrian industrial and agricultural products and goods in general imported into Greece shall benefit by the duties established by the Greek Customs tariff now in force. Should the Greek Government put into force a new Customs tariff while the present arrangement remains in force, Austrian goods imported into Greece shall benefit by the minimum duties in such tariff, instead of the duties established by the present tariff.

Article 2.

The Greek products enumerated hereinafter shall not, so long as the present Convention remains in force, be liable to any duties higher than those mentioned below :

Austrian Tariff Number.	Description of Goods.	Duty per 100 Kg. in gold crowns.
Note to 9	Dried figs, for the production of coffee substitutes	2
ex 10	Currants	15
ex 75 α	Olive oil, pure, in barrels, leather bags and bladders	5
86 c	Arrack, rum and other spirituous liquors	200
ex 87 α	Wine in casks containing more than 13 per cent of alcohol (excepting concentrated wines)	30

Should Austria grant a reduction of these duties to any other State, the above-mentioned Greek products shall also benefit thereby.

¹ Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations.

¹ Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

² Came into force September 8, 1925.

Article 3.

It is understood that if the Greek Government should decide to grant to any third Power lower duties than the minimum duties contained in the new tariff, such duties shall also be applied to articles of Austrian origin or manufacture. This provision shall not, however, extend to any special reductions, below the minimum duties in the new tariff, which may subsequently be granted to a third Power in exchange for special compensations. In such a case Austria shall be entitled to claim the same treatment for articles of Austrian origin or manufacture of a similar nature to those in respect of which the reduction has been made, on condition that she is willing to grant to Greece reasonable compensation equivalent to that granted in the same circumstances by the above-mentioned third Power.

Article 4.

The Austrian Federal Government undertakes to purchase annually 300,000 kg. of Greek tobacco, of which two-thirds shall consist of tobacco from old Greece. The Austrian Monopoly shall have the right to purchase one-half of this quantity in Greece; the other half may be purchased in a tobacco market outside Greece, provided, however, that it undertakes to prove, by invoices and certificates of origin, the Greek origin of the tobacco purchased in foreign markets. It is understood that this undertaking by the Federal Government presupposes that the prices of Greek tobacco, including all Government duties, shall not be higher than the prices of tobacco of the same quality coming from other countries, including any duties which may be imposed thereon.

It is understood that purchases of Greek tobacco shall be regulated with due regard to the duration of the present Agreement.

Article 5.

The present Agreement shall be ratified and the ratifications exchanged at Vienna as soon as possible. It shall come into force as from the date of the exchange of ratifications and shall continue in operation for six months. Unless denounced three months before its expiration, it shall be prolonged by tacit agreement for successive periods of three months. The two High Contracting Parties reserve the right to apply the present Agreement even before its ratification, provided it is possible for them to do so under their existing constitutional laws.

Denunciation shall take effect three months after notification.

In faith whereof the present Agreement has been done in duplicate at Vienna this eighteenth day of April, 1925.

(Signed) G. C. LAGOUDAKIS,
*Greek Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary.*

(Signed) Dr. MATAJA,
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs.

(Signed) Dr. SCHÜRFF,
*Federal Minister of Trade and
Communications.*