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**GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET IRLANDE DU NORD
ET ISLANDE**

*Accord relatif à l'industrie et au
commerce, avec protocole. Signés
à Londres, le 19 mai 1933.*

**GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND ICELAND**

*Agreement relating to Trade and
Commerce, and Protocol. Signed
at London, May 19, 1933.*

No. 3319. — AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND RELATING TO TRADE AND COMMERCE. SIGNED AT LONDON, MAY 19, 1933.

English and Icelandic official texts communicated by His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Great Britain. The registration of this Agreement took place January 4, 1934.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND, desiring to facilitate and extend still further trade and commerce between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the one hand, and the Kingdom of Iceland on the other hand, have agreed to the following effect :

Article 1.

The articles enumerated in the Schedule to this Agreement produced or manufactured in the United Kingdom from whatever place arriving shall not, on importation into Iceland, be subjected to duties or charges other or higher than those specified in the Schedule.

Article 2.

1. Fresh or salted fish (other than shell fish) imported into the United Kingdom from Iceland shall not be subject to any other or higher duty or charge than a duty of 10 % *ad valorem*.

2. The Government of the United Kingdom undertake that in the event of their regulating the quantity of the imports of fish into the United Kingdom the total quantity of fresh and wet salted fish permitted to be imported from Iceland, exclusive of any salmon, sea-trout, eels and fresh-water fish, shall be not less than 354,000 cwts. in any year, of which minimum permitted total not less than 104,000 cwts. shall consist of wet salted fish.

3. The Government of the United Kingdom undertake to bring into force, in the case of the export of dried salted fish prepared in the United Kingdom from fresh or wet salted fish imported from Iceland, a system of drawback in respect of the import duty paid on the fresh or wet salted fish on importation into the United Kingdom.

4. The existing provision for freedom from import duty of dried fish produced in Iceland, imported into the United Kingdom solely with a view to the re-exportation thereof after transit through the United Kingdom or by way of transshipment, shall continue in operation.

5. In this article, the expression " fish imported from Iceland, " includes fish landed in the United Kingdom direct from sea by Icelandic vessels.

¹ Came into force June 28, 1933.

Article 3.

1. In no circumstances shall any reduction be applied to the imports into the United Kingdom of chilled or frozen mutton and lamb from Iceland proportionately greater than that applied to similar descriptions of mutton and lamb from any other foreign country.

2. In the event of any modification in the present scheme of regulation of imports of chilled or frozen mutton and lamb into the United Kingdom from foreign countries, full consideration shall be given to the claims of Iceland.

3. In the event of any other foreign supplying country renouncing or forfeiting in whole or in part its allocation of imports of the aforesaid products, the allocation to Iceland shall be increased in not less ratio than the allocation to any other foreign country.

Article 4.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to affect the rights and obligations arising out of any Treaty at present in force between the United Kingdom and Iceland, and, in particular, the Treaty of Peace and Commerce¹ signed at Whitehall on the 13th February, 1660/1, or the Treaty of Peace and Commerce² signed at Copenhagen on the 11th July, 1670, including the declaration³ amending the said treaties signed at Copenhagen on the 9th May, 1912.

The Contracting Governments agree that, having regard to the provisions of the above-mentioned treaties of 1660/1 and 1670, goods produced or manufactured in the United Kingdom shall enjoy in Iceland, and goods produced or manufactured in Iceland shall enjoy in the United Kingdom, treatment in all respects not less favourable than that enjoyed by goods produced or manufactured in any other foreign country.

Article 5.

The Contracting Governments agree that any dispute that may arise between them as to the proper interpretation or application of any of the provisions of the present Agreement or of any of the treaties enumerated in Article 4 shall, at the request of either of them, be referred to the Permanent Court of International Justice, unless in any particular case the Contracting Governments agree to submit the dispute to some other tribunal, or to dispose of it by some other form of procedure. In case any dispute shall fall to be submitted to the Permanent Court of International Justice, the Court shall, unless the Contracting Governments otherwise agree, be requested to give its decision in accordance with the summary procedure provided for in Article 29 of the Statute⁴ of the Court.

Article 6.

The present Agreement shall come into operation as soon as a notification has been given by the Government of Iceland to the Government of the United Kingdom that the necessary legislation has been passed by the Icelandic Parliament, and, subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 of the Protocol signed this day, shall continue in force during a period of three years from the date of its coming into operation.

In case neither of the Contracting Governments shall have given notice to the other six months before the expiration of the said period of three years of their intention to terminate this Agreement,

¹ *British and Foreign State Papers*, Vol. 1, page 375.

² *British and Foreign State Papers*, Vol. 1, page 381.

³ *British and Foreign State Papers*, Vol. 105, page 267.

⁴ Vol. VI, page 379; Vol. XI, page 405; Vol. XV, page 305; Vol. XXIV, page 153; Vol. XXVII, page 417; Vol. XXXIX, page 165; Vol. XLV, page 96; Vol. L, page 159; Vol. LIV, page 387; Vol. LXIX, page 70; Vol. LXXII, page 452; Vol. LXXXVIII, page 435; Vol. LXXXVIII, page 272; Vol. XCII, page 362; Vol. XCVI, page 180; Vol. C, page 153; Vol. CIV, page 492; Vol. CVII, page 461; Vol. CXI, page 402; Vol. CXVII, page 46; Vol. CXXVI, page 430; Vol. CXXX, page 440; and Vol. CXXXIV, page 392, of this Series.

it shall remain in force, subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 of the Protocol signed this day, until the expiry of six months from the date on which notice of such intention is given.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorised to that effect, have signed the present Agreement and have thereto affixed their Seals.

Done at London this nineteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-three, in duplicate in English and Icelandic, both texts being equally authentic.

(L. S.) John SIMON.

(L. S.) Walter RUNCIMAN.

(L. S.) Sveinn BJÖRNSSON.

PROTOCOL.

At the moment of signing the Agreement of this day's date between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Iceland relating to trade and commerce, the undersigned, being duly authorised to that effect, declare that they have agreed on the provisions set out in the following Protocol, which shall form an integral part of the above-mentioned Agreement :

(1) The Government of the United Kingdom shall have the right to terminate the Agreement at any time upon three months' notice, if in any one year the amount of coal of United Kingdom origin imported into Iceland is less than 77 per cent of the total imports of coal into Iceland in that year, as shown by the official statistics issued by the Icelandic Government. The Agreement shall not be terminated in virtue of this arrangement if, during the period between the date when notice of termination is given and the date of its taking effect, quantities of coal of United Kingdom origin are imported into Iceland sufficient to make good the deficiency.

The Contracting Governments take note of a letter to the Chairman of the Icelandic Delegation dated this day and signed on behalf of the United Kingdom coal industry by the Chairman of the Central Council of Colliery Owners and the Chairman of the British Coal Exporters' Federation, wherein they have expressed their desire and firm intention to fulfil the requirements of Icelandic buyers and users of coal by every means within their power ; and for this purpose have given to Icelandic buyers and users the assurances contained in that letter with regard to prices, qualities, availability of supplies and other matters. The right of the Government of the United Kingdom, as stipulated above, to terminate the Agreement upon three months' notice in the circumstances set out is conditional upon those assurances being implemented.

(2) It is understood that in the Agreement the term " foreign country " in relation to the United Kingdom, means a country not being a part of the British Commonwealth of Nations nor a territory under British protection or suzerainty, nor a mandated territory in respect of which the mandate is exercised by the Government of a part of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

(3) The Government of the United Kingdom declare that they will not claim the benefit of any privileges accorded by the Government of Iceland exclusively to Denmark.

Done at London this nineteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-three, in duplicate in English and Icelandic, both texts being equally authentic.

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SCHEDULE

Statistical Number	Article	Rate of Duty
9 a. 1	Piece-goods of artificial silk	18 aurar per kg. plus 10 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
9 a. 3	Piece-goods of wool for men's clothing . . .	18 aurar per kg. plus 15 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
9 a. 7	Piece-goods of cotton for women's clothing .	18 aurar per kg. plus 10 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
9 a. 8	Piece-goods of cotton, printed	18 aurar per kg. plus 10 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
9 a. 10	Piece-goods of cotton for linings, &c.	18 aurar per kg. plus 10 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
9 a. 12	Cotton curtain tissues	18 aurar per kg. plus 10 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
9 a. 15	Piece-goods of linen or hemp	18 aurar per kg. plus 10 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
9 a. 16	Sail cloth	2 aurar per kg.
9 a. 18	Hessian (packing canvas) of jute	2 aurar per kg.
9 b. 19	Linoleum	2 aurar per kg.
9 b. 20	Sacks (empty)	2 aurar per kg.
10 a. 1	Stockings of artificial silk	18 aurar per kg. plus 10 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
10 a. 4	Stockings and socks other than silk or artificial silk	18 aurar per kg. plus 15 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
10 a. 5	Hosiery, underwear (other than silk or artificial silk)	18 aurar per kg. plus 15 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
10 a. 7	Body linen	18 aurar per kg. plus 15 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
10 b. 7	Waterproof clothing	18 aurar per kg. plus 15 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
10 c. 3	English caps	18 aurar per kg. plus 15 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
20 a. 1	Coal	20 aurar per 100 kg.
22 b. 4	Galvanized iron sheets (roofing)	2 aurar per kg.
22 c. 44	Wire rope	2 aurar per kg.