

No. 579

**BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION
and
TURKEY**

***Modus vivendi* relating to the application of most-favoured-nation treatment. Signed at Ankara, on 12 March 1947**

French official text communicated by the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations. The registration took place on 14 September 1949.

**UNION ECONOMIQUE BELGO-LUXEMBOURGEOISE
et
TURQUIE**

***Modus vivendi* relatif à l'application du traitement de la nation la plus favorisée. Signé à Ankara, le 12 mars 1947**

Texte officiel français communiqué par le représentant permanent de la Belgique auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le 14 septembre 1949.

TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION

No. 579. *MODUS VIVENDI*¹ BETWEEN THE BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION AND TURKEY RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION TREATMENT. SIGNED AT ANKARA, ON 12 MARCH 1947

The Belgian Government, acting both on its own behalf and on behalf of the Luxembourg Government in virtue of existing agreements, and the Turkish Government have agreed as follows:

The Belgian-Luxembourg Economic Union and the Republic of Turkey shall grant each other most-favoured-nation treatment on a basis of reciprocity:

- (a) in all respect of navigation;
- (b) in all matters relating to customs duties, the method of levying duties, and the regulations, formalities and charges connected with the clearance through customs of goods entering or leaving the country.

Most-favoured-nation treatment shall not apply:

- (1) to the special benefits which Turkey has granted or may grant in respect of customs tariffs to the countries detached from the Ottoman Empire in 1923;
- (2) to the privileges which have been or which may be granted by one of the High Contracting Parties to bordering States with a view to facilitating frontier traffic;
- (3) to the benefits resulting from any customs union which has been or may be concluded by either of the High Contracting Parties;
- (4) to rights or privileges which may be granted in the future by one of the High Contracting Parties to third States in multilateral agreements to which the other High Contracting Party is not a Party, where such rights or privileges are specified in multilateral agreements of a general nature, where such rights and privileges are specified only in those agreements, and where the other Contracting Party is granted fresh benefits in virtue of the said rights and privileges.

¹ Came into force on 26 March 1947, in accordance with the third paragraph. This *modus vivendi* applies to the territories of the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

The present *modus vivendi* shall come into effect on 26 March 1947. It shall continue to apply until the entry into force of a treaty of commerce and navigation between the Belgian-Luxembourg Economic Union and Turkey.

Nevertheless, the two countries may denounce the present *modus vivendi* at any time subject to three months notice.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, duly authorized for that purpose, have signed the present *modus vivendi*.

DONE in duplicate, at Ankara, on 12 March 1947.

For the Belgian Government:

(Signed) S. HALOT

For the Turkish Government:

(Signed) Dr. Burhan Jihris SANUZ