

**No. 890**

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**DENMARK  
and  
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND  
NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Agreement relating to trade and commerce (with exchange of letters).  
Signed at Annecy, on 13 August 1949**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by Denmark on 9 August 1950.*

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**DANEMARK  
et  
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET  
D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Accord commercial (avec échange de lettres). Signé à Annecy, le 13  
août 1949**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par le Danemark le 9 août 1950.*

No. 890. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK RELATING TO TRADE AND COMMERCE. SIGNED AT ANNECY, ON 13 AUGUST 1949

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The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark,

Desiring to make provision, upon the entry into force between them of the General Agreement<sup>2</sup> on Tariffs and Trade, for continuing in force with certain modifications the Commercial Agreement of 24th April, 1933,<sup>3</sup>

Hereby agree as follows:

1. The Commercial Agreement of 24th April, 1933, as modified by sub-paragraph (i) of Article 1 of the Supplementary Commercial Agreement of December 21st, 1938 (hereinafter called "the Commercial Agreement") shall continue in force during the currency of the present Agreement, subject to the additions and modifications contained in the following Articles.

2. At any time at which both Governments are contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade the provisions of Article 1 of the Commercial Agreement of 24th April, 1933, and the provisions of Article 2 of that Agreement, except in so far as they relate to bacon, shall be inoperative.

3. Nothing in the Commercial Agreement as continued by the present Agreement shall

- (a) require either Government to do anything contrary to any obligations to which it may be subject under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade or the Havana Charter for an International Trade Organisation,
- (b) prevent either Government from restricting quantities or value of imports into its territory to such an extent as may be necessary to safeguard its external financial position and balance of payments.

4. The provisions of the Protocol forming part of the Commercial Agreement of 24th April, 1933, and the Exchange of Notes of May 17th, 1933, relating to that Agreement and of the Supplementary Commercial Agreement of June 19th, 1936<sup>4</sup>, and of the Supplementary Commercial Agreement of December 21st, 1938, other

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 9 June 1950, by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, in accordance with paragraph 7.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 55, page 194.

<sup>3</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume CXXXIX, page 127.

<sup>4</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume CLXXVII, page 421.

than subparagraph (i) of Article 1 of the last-mentioned Supplementary Commercial Agreement, and of the Exchanges of Notes annexed to these Supplementary Commercial Agreements, shall cease to have effect.

5. The Government of the United Kingdom will not claim the benefit of any privilege accorded by the Government of Denmark exclusively to Iceland.

6. For the purposes of the Commercial Agreement as continued by the present Agreement

- (i) the term "foreign country" shall mean in relation to the United Kingdom any country other than those referred to in Annex A to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,
- (ii) the term "total foreign quota" means the total amount of the commodity in question comprised in the specific allocations of permitted imports which are distributed on a percentage basis among specified foreign countries and does not include imports which may be permitted within the limits fixed for "insignificant" suppliers,
- (iii) any reference to regulation of imports into the United Kingdom relates to regulation of the quantities of imports only,
- (iv) the expression "from Denmark" in the Commercial Agreement of 24th April, 1933, in relation to agricultural products, means "produced or manufactured in Denmark" and the expressions "United Kingdom goods" and "Danish goods" in Article 7 of the Commercial Agreement of 24th April, 1933, mean goods produced or manufactured in the United Kingdom or Denmark as the case may be,
- (v) any reference to import of fish into the United Kingdom from Denmark includes a reference to fish landed in the United Kingdom direct from the sea by Danish vessels.

7. The present Agreement shall come into force immediately after the Exchange of Ratifications; it may be terminated by either Government upon the expiration of four months notice given to the other Government, provided that it shall in any event not terminate before 1st January, 1951.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorised, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE in duplicate in Annecy, this thirteenth day of August, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Nine.

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland:

(Signed) R. J. SHACKLE

For the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark:

(Signed) M. A. WASSARD

## EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

## I

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place at Annecy between representatives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark concerning negotiations contemplated in Annex A<sup>1</sup> of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade with regard to the elimination or replacement by tariff preference of the preferential arrangement in respect of imports of bacon existing in the United Kingdom under contractual agreement with Commonwealth Governments.

2. In these discussions note was taken of the fact that in view of the provisions of the Agreement signed this day continuing, with modifications, the Commercial Agreement of 24th April, 1933, there was no necessity to embark on such negotiations at the present time.

3. It was, however, understood by both Governments that at the time of such negotiations the whole field of concessions made by the two Governments to each other under the Agreement signed this day, to which reference is made in paragraph 2 above, and under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, should be open for discussion.

4. If the Government of Denmark agree I would propose that this letter and your reply in similar terms should be regarded as formally placing on record the understanding arrived at in this matter between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) R. J. SHACKLE

M. A. Wassard, Esq.

Leader of the Danish Delegation

## II

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of to-day and the discussions which have taken place at Annecy between representatives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark concerning negotiations contemplated in Annex A of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade with regard to the elimination or replacement by tariff preference of the preferential arrangement in respect of im-

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 55, page 284.

ports of bacon existing in the United Kingdom under contractual agreement with Commonwealth Governments.

[See letter I, paragraphs 2 and 3]

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) M. A. WASSARD

R. J. Shackle, Esq.

Head of the United Kingdom Delegation to the Annecy Conference

### III

Sir,

With reference to the Commercial Agreement signed this day on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark, I have the honour to propose that it be understood between our Governments that nothing in the said Agreement shall be deemed to affect the obligations arising from any purchase contracts in force between the United Kingdom and Denmark for the supply of foodstuffs.

If the Government of Denmark agree, I would propose that this letter and your reply in similar terms should be regarded as formally placing on record the understanding arrived at in this matter between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) R. J. SHACKLE

M. A. Wassard, Esq.

Leader of the Danish Delegation

### IV

Sir,

With reference to your letter of to-day I have the honour to confirm that it is understood between our Governments that nothing in the Commercial Agreement signed this day on behalf of the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Denmark, shall be deemed to affect the obligations arising from any purchase contracts in force between the United Kingdom and Denmark for the supply of foodstuffs.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) M. A. WASSARD

R. J. Shackle, Esq.

Head of the United Kingdom Delegation to the Annecy Conference

## V

Sir,

With reference to the Commercial Agreement signed this day on behalf of the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark, I have the honour to inform you that the agreement of my Government to the abrogation of Part I of the Protocol to the Commercial Agreement of 24th April, 1933, in no way implies any lessening of interest on the part of the United Kingdom Government or of United Kingdom exporters in the supply to Denmark of jute wrappers, parchment paper and salt, as mentioned in Part I of the said Protocol; they trust that the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark will have regard to this continued interest and will grant adequate licences for the importation of these goods from the United Kingdom.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) R. J. SHACKLE

M. A. Wassard, Esq.

Leader of the Danish Delegation

## VI

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of to-day in which you state that the agreement of your Government to the abrogation of Part I of the Protocol to the Commercial Agreement of 24th April, 1933, in no way implies any lessening of interest on the part of the United Kingdom Government or of United Kingdom exporters in the supply to Denmark of jute wrappers, parchment paper and salt, as mentioned in Part I of the said Protocol; they trust that the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark will have regard to this continued interest and will grant adequate licences for the importation of these goods from the United Kingdom.

I have, on behalf of my Government, taken note of this communication, which will, I feel certain, receive its sympathetic consideration.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) M. A. WASSARD

R. J. Shackle, Esq.

Head of the United Kingdom Delegation to the Annecy Conference