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and
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(UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM AND FRENCH)

**Agreed minutes of trade discussions (with annex). Signed at
Frankfurt-am-Main, on 16 September 1949**

Official text: English.

Registered by Norway on 22 April 1950.

NORVÈGE
et
GOUVERNEMENTS MILITAIRES EN ALLEMAGNE
(AMÉRICAIN, BRITANNIQUE ET FRANÇAIS)

**Procès-verbal officiel des conversations relatives aux échanges
commerciaux (avec annexe). Signé à Francfort-sur-le-
Main, le 16 septembre 1949**

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par la Norvège le 22 avril 1950.

No. 769. AGREED MINUTES¹ OF TRADE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF NORWAY AND THE MILITARY GOVERNMENTS FOR GERMANY (UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM AND FRENCH). SIGNED AT FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, ON 16 SEPTEMBER 1949

1. In accordance with the agreement reached in Oslo on July 10, 1949, a Western German Delegation and a Norwegian Delegation met in Frankfurt from 6 to 16 September to complete the negotiations regarding trade between Western Germany and Norway for the year 1 July 1949 - 30 June 1950.
2. At the proposal of the Western German Delegation, it was agreed to institute a new procedure with the object of liberalizing trade between the two areas. Western Germany will grant import licenses without any restrictions for any commodities originating from Norway which German importers wish to buy except as modified in paragraph 3 below.
3. Western Germany will issue import licenses for the purchase of fish during 1949/50 up to a maximum amount of \$7,000,000 (including \$500,000 canned fish) f.o.b. without prejudice to carriage. The Western German Delegation stated that the whole problem of fish imports into Western Germany was under consideration and that the Norwegian Government would be immediately notified if any steps were taken to liberalize the procedures for the import of fish or to increase the amount to be imported.
4. The new procedure applies only to imports of Norwegian origin or manufacture and imports of Western German origin or manufacture. Other imports are not included and are subject to special approval as

¹ Came into force on 16 September 1949 with retroactive effect as from 1 July 1949, by signature.

under existing procedures for re-export and entrepot trade. Certificates of origin may be required.

5. (a) The Western German Delegation agreed that export licenses would be authorized for the exportation of the following commodities to Norway at least up to the quantities specified below:

Welded tubes	5.000 tons	
Drawn wire	1.000 "	
Other rolling mill products	24.000 "	
Potash	2.000 "	K ₂ O content.
Coal in accordance with international allocation.		

- (b) The Norwegian Delegation agreed that export licenses would be authorized for the export of edible whale, herring and fish oil at least up to the value of \$7,400,000.
6. The Norwegian Delegation agreed specifically that the Norwegian Government would grant import licenses for not less than \$700,000 for each period of three months, or for a total value of not less than the equivalent of \$2,800,000 for the period 1 July 1949 - 30 June 1950, as specified in Annex A and in the letter attached thereto, at the free and unrestricted choice of Norwegian importers subject to the stipulations laid down in Annex A.
7. The Western German Delegation pointed out that the new procedure provided a maximum possibility for freedom of trade under present conditions and requested that the Norwegian export-import trade be advised that no approval would be given for any barter or compensation transactions.
8. The procedure outlined in paragraph 2 above is based on the assumption that there will be no material change in the trading policy on either side. In the event of any change, each party agrees to notify the other in order to give opportunity for consultation regarding cancellation or revision of the procedures outlined above.
9. A new payment's agreement was drafted and initialled as a separate document to be submitted for the signature of the appropriate authorities.

10. It was agreed to meet not later than February 1950 to review the operation of the present agreement and to consider any necessary or desirable modifications should the trade not develop in the manner expected by both sides.

Signed on behalf of the Royal
Norwegian Government

By Paul KOHT
Head of Delegation

Signed on behalf of the Military
Governments for Germany (United
States, United Kingdom and French)

By Wm. John LOGAN
Head of Delegation

Frankfurt-am-Main
16 September 1949

ANNEX A

Exports from Western Germany to Norway
1 July 1949 — 30 June 1950

Group A

Piece goods (cotton, wool, rayon and silk)	\$1.100.000	
Felts of all types	60.000	
		\$1.160.000

Group B

Fine mechanics and optics		600.000
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Group C

Salt.		250.000
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Group D

Finished metal products, viz. tools, cutlery, hardware, metal haberdashery and similar products	\$ 100.000	
Cast iron tubes and soil pipes	140.000	
		240.000

Group E

Pharmaceuticals	150.000	
Sensitized photographic { papers }		
{ films }	100.000	
Special papers	40.000	
Pencils	10.000	
Leather goods	50.000	
Rubber goods	50.000	
Plastic wares	100.000	
China and glassware, excluding technical china and glass	50.000	
		550.000
		\$2.800.000

APPENDIX

Mr. Wm. John Logan,
Head of Western German Delegation,
Frankfurt-Main.

Dear Mr. Logan,

With reference to Annex A of the Agreed Minutes signed today I wish to give you hereunder an outline of the principles to be followed in issuing import licenses for the commodities enumerated there in case of over-subscription of the quarterly releases referred to in paragraph 6 of the Agreed Minutes.

Applications will be grouped under the group headings as specified in Annex A and each group will receive licenses to the quarterly amount set aside for them. If applications within any group do not reach the amount allotted to that group, all applications within that group will be granted automatically. In case of over-subscription of any group of commodities, licenses will be granted on the basis of the commodity figures specified within such group or groups, but should applications for any commodity not reach the amount allotted to it within the group, the balance will be divided amongst the other commodities within the same group on a pro rata basis.

This procedure secures full interchangeability between the commodities specified within each group, while the yearly amounts specified for each group need not be exceeded. This is only an experimental procedure and will be applied in the spirit of our agreement to liberalize trade. The Norwegian authorities must reserve their right to modify the procedure should they find it desirable to do so in order to improve it. Should any alteration be deemed necessary, the Western German authorities will be notified immediately so that the matter may be discussed between the two parties.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Paul KOHT
Head of Norwegian Delegation