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and
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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 2551. TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN GREECE AND ITALY. SIGNED AT ATHENS, ON 4 FEBRUARY 1953

The Government of the Kingdom of Greece and the Government of the Italian Republic, being desirous of promoting the development of trade between the two countries within the framework of European economic co-operation, have agreed on the following provisions :

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall apply to goods originating in and directly imported from their respective territories all measures taken or to be taken in accordance with OEEC decisions.

All liberalization measures taken or to be taken in accordance with such decisions shall therefore apply automatically to goods originating in and directly imported from Greece and Italy respectively.

Article 2

The Greek Government undertakes to issue any licences and other authorizations required for the importation of Italian goods under the general quotas laid down in the Greek general import programme, on an equal footing with goods originating in and directly imported from other countries members of the European Payments Union.

The Greek Government further undertakes to issue such licences and other authorizations as may be requisite in addition to those referred to in the preceding paragraph in respect of the goods enumerated in Schedule A annexed hereto up to the value or quantities specified therein.

Article 3

The Italian Government undertakes to issue any licences and other authorizations required for the importation of Greek goods into Italy, subject to the general regulations in force in Italy, on an equal footing with goods originating in and directly imported from other countries members of the European Payments Union.

¹ Came into force on 4 February 1953, as from the date of signature, with retroactive effect from 1 January 1953, in accordance with article 8.

The Greek Government undertakes for its part to issue the export licences and other authorizations necessary for the export of the said goods to Italy.

Article 4

The Italian goods to be imported into Greece and the Greek goods to be imported into Italy shall be invoiced in United States dollars.

Article 5

The settlement of payments relating to trade between the two countries shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of the Payments Agreement¹ signed this day.

Article 6

Commercial transactions approved by the two Governments before the date of entry into force of this Agreement and in process of execution shall be settled in accordance with the regulations applicable to them in each of the two countries at the time of their approval.

Article 7

A Joint Commission consisting of representatives of the Governments concerned shall be set up in order to promote the development of trade between the territories of the Parties.

It shall meet at the request of either Party and shall have the duty of supervising the application of this Agreement and of periodically reviewing the schedules annexed hereto with special reference to such decisions as may be taken by the OEEC in respect of the liberalization of trade and multilateral payments.

Article 8

This Agreement, which supersedes the Commercial Agreement signed at Rome on 14 April 1949, shall remain in force for a period of eighteen months. It shall enter into force on 1 January 1953.

Unless denounced not less than three months before the date on which the above-mentioned period of validity expires, the Agreement shall be deemed to be renewed by tacit agreement for successive periods of one year.

DONE at Athens, in two copies, in French, on 4 February 1953.

For Greece :

T. TRIANTAPHYLAKOS

For Italy :

A. ALESSANDRINI

¹ See p. 295 of this volume.

SCHEDULE A

Italian goods, not included in the Greek programme, to be imported into Greece during the currency of this Agreement

<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>No. in Greek tariff</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>US dollars</i>
1	ex 3b ;	Sheep milk butter	40,000
2	various	Articles of wood, including veneer wood . .	25,000
3	177f ;	Masonite, Phaesite, Castex and similar products	30,000
4	37 ; - ;	Tanned hides and reconstituted leathers .	15,000
5	ex 41g, ex h, ex i ;	Leather articles for industrial use, including belting	15,000
6	72 ; 134a, ex c ; 145	Electrical equipment for indoor installations	20,000
7	131a ; 132-133 ; 135c, g ; ex 136a ;	Scientific and measuring instruments and apparatus, including engineers' drawing requisites	25,000
8	ex 135a, ex a bis ;	Teleprinters, cash registers and other machines of a similar nature, spare parts and accessories	25,000
9	134d ;	Wireless sets	20,000
10	135b ;	Cinematograph cameras, cameras, components and accessories	30,000
11	various	Metal articles for household, sanitary, kitchen and trade use, cookers, hollow ware, etc., of enamelled iron or steel . . .	40,000
12	ex 85a	Automatic weighing machines	20,000
13	66 ; 70	Tools for workmen and artisans ; hardware	30,000
14	80 ; 82-83 ;	Cutlery, tableware, etc	35,000
15	various	Jewellery, safety razor blades, press-studs pen nibs and other metal smallwares .	
	284a-b ; 285d ;	Supplies and accessories for umbrella and sunshade manufacture	40,000
16	ex 137 ;	Accordions and other musical instruments	20,000
17	139-143 ; ex 144	Products and articles of terra-cotta, faience, stoneware and porcelain. Asbestos-cement products	40,000
18	147-155 ; 157-158 ;	Glassware, including pharmaceutical and laboratory glassware	20,000
19	various	Fishing tackle	10,000
20	136 ;	Spectacles, etc. (including sunglasses) and binoculars	40,000
21	159f ;	Essential oils and essences	15,000

<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>No. in Greek tariff</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>US dollars</i>
22	169 ;	Colouring materials of types also manufactured in Greece	20,000
23	2b-c ;	Meats, preserved or otherwise prepared, including ham and other pork butchers' produce	40,000
24	77a	Sewing-machine needles	10,000
25	159-161	Chemical and pharmaceutical products . .	30,000
26	156 ; 181h ;	Sensitized products for photography and cinematography	20,000
27	ex 179-180; ex 181-182; 177 ; ex 177 ;	Paper goods and office supplies. Ordinary and special cardboards. Vulcanized fibre in sheets	45,000
28	181f ;	Cellophane paper	30,000
29	ex 135 ; 191-196 ;	Fabrics and other products of rubber, or of rubber compositions, including belting .	20,000
30	232 ;	Elastic thread, bare or covered	20,000
31	190b ; 220b ;	Cotton thread, including cotton thread put up for retail sale	150,000
32	219-220 ;	Fabrics of cotton and fabrics of cotton mixed with artificial fibres, including velvets	300,000
33	221-226 ;	Woollen or mixed yarns or yarns of other animal hair, including yarns put up for retail sale	150,000
34	234 ;	Woollen fabrics	75,000
35	235-236 ; 238 ;	Artificial and synthetic fibres and yarns (including "Merinova", "Eiocco", "Bemberg", acetate, "Movil", nylon)	125,000
36	ex 217 ; ex 233 ;	Fabrics of artificial fibres	125,000
37	ex 221-ex 225 ; ex 235-ex 236; ex 238 ;	Thread, twine, string, rope and tubing of hemp	40,000
38	230c-d ; ex 205 ; ex 206a ; 207	Hemp fabrics and cloths, whether waterproofed or not ; oilcloth	40,000
39	201 ; ex 208-ex 210 ;	Furnishing fabrics	15,000
40	various	Plaits of straw, shavings, artificial fibres, etc., for hats	10,000
41	261 ;	Oil-mill mats	10,000
42	216b ;	Carpets and mats of jute and cotton . .	10,000
43	ex 216 ;	Linoleum	25,000
44	202 ;	Motorcycles, motor-scooters, cyclecars, bicycles, light motorcycles	50,000
45	ex 94 ; ex 266 ; 267 ;	Buttons of all types, brushes and hair-pencils of all types, combs	25,000
46	277; 279; 282; 293 ex 1;	Articles of celluloid and other synthetic resins	35,000
46	257b 3 ; 293 ;		

<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>No. in Greek tariff</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>US dollars</i>
47	ex 58; ex 174; 288c;	Pencil-leads, crayons, chalks and artists' colours	10,000
48	50j; ex 291; ex 293;	Pipes and other smokers' requisites . . .	10,000
49	243b; 270b, d, g, h, j; 271a 2-3; c 1;	Hunting and sporting guns and ammunition (including paper-wool and pads for cartridges); mining explosives and accessories	25,000
50	257;	Mechanical and other toys	5,000
51	various	Other goods	50,000

Note: The trade description of the goods enumerated in this schedule shall take precedence over the customs classification.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

I

The President of the Italian Delegation to the President of the Greek Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the conversations which led to the conclusion of the Trade Agreement between Italy and Greece signed this day, and in particular to the Greek Delegation's statement that the goods listed below may not be imported into Greece from any source :

- motor vehicles ;
- rayon ;
- sulphur colours ;
- felt hats and hat felts ;
- articles of cork and agglomerated cork (including crown corks) ;
- electric motors of $\frac{1}{8}$ to 20 horse-power ;
- petrol engines of $3 \frac{1}{2}$ horse-power and over ;
- bakers' installations ;
- confectioners' and chocolate-makers' machinery and appliances.

The above statement has been duly noted but I should nevertheless be grateful if you would be good enough to give me an assurance that if the Greek Government changes the import regulations and these goods are not included in the general import programme, a share in the imports will be reserved for Italy.

I should be grateful if you would inform me of the Greek Government's agreement to the foregoing.

I have the honour to be, etc.

II

The President of the Greek Delegation to the President of the Italian Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

In your letter of today's date you were good enough to inform me as follows :

[See letter I]

I have the honour to inform you that the Greek Government agrees to the foregoing.

I have the honour to be, etc.

III

The President of the Italian Delegation to the President of the Greek Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

In the course of the negotiations which led to the conclusion of the Trade Agreement signed this day, the Greek Delegation informed the Italian Delegation that although provision had been made in the Greek general import programme for the importation of lorry and omnibus chassis to the amount of one million United States dollars from EPU countries, it would not be possible for Italy to participate, on equal terms with the other countries in that group, in imports to the amount still unexpended, as that amount was reserved for other countries.

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that on the Italian side it is felt to be very important that the Italian motor industry, which formerly had a considerable share in the Greek market, should be in a position to retain its former customers. I trust that the Greek Government will take the necessary steps to ensure that customers of Italian firms are not compelled, through Italy's exclusion from these imports, to turn to competing manufacturers in a third country.

I trust, therefore, that the competent Greek authorities will consider, with the close attention which the matter deserves, the possibility of accepting applications which may be submitted to them by interested parties in Greece for the importation of lorry and omnibus chassis from Italy.

I have the honour to be, etc.

IV

The President of the Greek Delegation to the President of the Italian Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

In your letter of today's date you were good enough to inform me as follows :

[See letter III]

I note the desire expressed above and have the honour to inform you that I shall not fail to convey it to the competent Greek authorities and to recommend that they should give it favourable consideration.

I have the honour to be, etc.

V

The President of the Italian Delegation to the President of the Greek Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

In the course of the negotiations which led to the conclusion of the Trade Agreement signed this day, the Italian Delegation pointed out that many Italian exporters were anxious to maintain stocks of goods in Greece to enable the market to be supplied economically and regularly.

The Greek Delegation stated that the maintenance of such stocks was at present impossible under the Greek import and exchange control regulations.

In view of the fact that such stocks would also benefit the Greek economy, the Italian Delegation would be grateful if the Greek Delegation would be good enough to consider, in consultation with the other competent Greek authorities, the possibility of so modifying the existing system as to enable goods to be imported on consignment and the proceeds of the sale of such goods to be transferred abroad.

I have the honour to be, etc.

VI

The President of the Greek Delegation to the President of the Italian Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

In your communication of today's date you were good enough to inform me of the following :

[See letter V]

I note the desire expressed above and have the honour to inform you that I shall not fail to convey it to the competent Greek authorities and to recommend that they should give it favourable consideration.

I have the honour to be, etc.

VII

The President of the Italian Delegation to the President of the Greek Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

The Italian Government has already had occasion to draw the Greek Government's attention to the fact that the facilities afforded to Italy to export proprietary medicines to Greece under the Greek import programme are rendered inoperative through the fact that the Greek health authorities refuse to register such Italian medicines on various grounds, the most usual of which is that the medicine whose registration is applied for "does not contribute to the furtherance of public health".

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that such an attitude is contrary to the spirit of the Treaty of Friendship, Trade and Navigation between Italy and Greece signed at San Remo on 5 November 1948.

In view of the fact that certain Italian proprietary medicines whose registration has been refused in Greece have been duly registered in many other foreign countries, a fact which bears witness to their fitness for registration in accordance with international principles, I would request you to be good enough to make representations in the proper quarters to ensure that sympathetic consideration is given in future to the registration of Italian proprietary medicines.

I have the honour to be, etc.

VIII

The President of the Greek Delegation to the President of the Italian Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

In your letter of today's date you have been good enough to inform me as follows :

[See letter VII]

I note the desire expressed above and have the honour to inform you that I shall not fail to convey it to the competent Greek authorities and to recommend that they should give it favourable consideration.

I have the honour to be, etc.

IX

The President of the Greek Delegation to the President of the Italian Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

In connexion with the negotiations which have taken place between our two delegations with a view to the conclusion of a Trade and Payments Agreement, I have the honour to request you to be good enough to communicate to the competent Italian authorities the Greek Delegation's request concerning the export of Greek manufactured tobacco products to Italy and to ask them to give this matter their most sympathetic consideration, bearing in mind the fact that the purpose of this request is merely to secure for Greek cigarettes the same position in the Italian market as is enjoyed by cigarettes from other tobacco-producing countries.

The Greek Delegation takes the liberty of stressing this point, not with the object of securing a wide sale for these goods in Italy and of competing with similar goods of Italian manufacture, but mainly on account of the advantages to be derived from the advertising and display of these products in Italian towns with their many foreign visitors.

I have the honour to be, etc.

X

The President of the Italian Delegation to the President of the Greek Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

In your letter of today's date you were good enough to inform me as follows :

[See letter IX]

I note the desire expressed above and have the honour to inform you that I shall not fail to convey it to the competent Italian authorities and to recommend it to their sympathetic consideration.

I have the honour to be, etc.

XI

The President of the Italian Delegation to the President of the Greek Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

In the course of the conversations which led to the conclusion of the Trade Agreement signed this day, the Italian Delegation laid great emphasis, with a

view to ensuring continuity in Italy's traditional exports to Greece, on the importance which its Government attaches to the retention or inclusion of the following goods on an equitable basis in future Greek general import programmes :

Products of the engineering and precision-instrument industries, such as :

Motors and engines of all types ; machinery of all kinds for the cocoa, chocolate, pastry, confectionery and food industries ; machinery for the printing trade ; machinery for working plastics ; machinery for the tanning industry ; steam ovens ; motor vehicles, motor scooters, motorcycles and cyclecars, spare parts and accessories ; office machines ; sewing machines, spare parts and accessories ; wireless sets, spare parts and accessories for wireless sets including valves ; scientific, optical and precision instruments and apparatus ; hardware ; cables of all types.

Products of the textile industry and similar goods, such as :

Yarn and fabrics of cotton, silk, hemp, rayon, staple fibre and wool, pure or mixed ; artificial and synthetic fibres and yarns of all kinds, including rayon, "flocco", "merinova" and "movil" ; oilcloths.

Products of the chemical, pharmaceutical and similar industries such as :

Refined sulphur ; carbon disulphide ; natural citric acid ; bleaching and filtering earths ; sensitized materials for radiography ; tanning extracts.

Products of the wood, cork and paper industries, such as :

Plywood ; barrel staves ; wooden casks and barrels ; cork, in slabs, crushed or ground ; cigarette paper ; presspan ; lithopone ; liquid gases ; insecticides and pest exterminators, including "Caffaro".

Products of the rubber industry, such as :

Tyres ; inner tubes ; tubing, thread, fabrics and other articles of rubber ; elastic thread and fabrics ; transmission belts and bands ; linoleum.

Miscellaneous products, such as :

Cooking and fodder seeds ; cheese ; sand paper and emery paper, emery cloths ; cutlery ; buttons of all types ; glassware and faience and porcelain ware ; hats and hat felts ; accordions and other musical instruments ; hunting and sporting guns and ammunition ; mining explosives.

I would request you to convey to the competent Greek authorities the wishes expressed by the Italian Delegation on this subject.

I have the honour to be, etc.

XII

The President of the Greek Delegation to the President of the Italian Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

In your letter of today's date you were good enough to inform me as follows :

[See letter XI]

I have the honour to inform you that I shall not fail to submit your request to the competent Greek authorities for their sympathetic consideration.

I have the honour to be, etc.

XIII

The President of the Italian Delegation to the President of the Greek Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

In the course of the negotiations which led to the conclusion of the Trade Agreement signed this day, strong representations were made on the Italian side for the inclusion in schedule A, annexed to the above-mentioned Agreement, of quotas for the following goods :

- carbon disulphide (Greek tariff No. 159/g-17) ;
- natural citric acid (Greek tariff No. 159/a-5) ;
- cupric compositions containing copper sulphate, intended for treating wines ("Caffaro" powder) (Greek tariff No. 159/c-1 bis) ;
- synthetic aniline dyes of types not manufactured in Greece (Greek tariff No. 169).

The Greek Delegation stated that these products were included in the Greek general import programme.

On the Italian side note is taken of this statement and of the fact that the competent Greek authorities will issue import licences for the above-mentioned goods within the limits of the general quotas included in the aforesaid programme.

With a view to avoiding any dispute concerning the interpretation of the programme, a list of certain other goods of interest to the Italian export trade, with the relevant Greek import programme item numbers opposite, will be drawn up at a later date.

I have the honour to be, etc.

XIV

The President of the Greek Delegation to the President of the Italian Delegation

Athens, 4 February 1953

Sir,

In your letter of today's date you were good enough to inform me as follows :

[*See letter XIII*]

I have the honour to inform you that the Greek Government agrees to the foregoing.

I have the honour to be, etc.