

No. 2512

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and
AUSTRIA**

Protocol (with exchange of letters) concerning exchange of goods. Signed at Vienna, on 20 September 1952

Official text: French.

Registered by Greece on 18 March 1954.

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 2512. PROTOCOL¹ BETWEEN GREECE AND AUSTRIA
CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF GOODS. SIGNED AT
VIENNA, ON 20 SEPTEMBER 1952

The Joint Commission provided for in article 9 of the Trade Agreement between the Royal Government of Greece and the Federal Government of Austria, signed at Vienna on 11 May 1950,² met at Vienna from 8 to 20 September 1952. On completion of their work, the two delegations reached agreement on the following points :

I

The competent Austrian authorities shall, in accordance with the regulations in force in Austria, issue import licences up to the amounts or values shown for the goods enumerated in the annexed list A.

II

The importation into Greece of the Austrian goods included in the Greek import programme, under the heading "country of origin : European Payments Union", shall be effected in accordance with the general regulations in force in Greece. Within the amounts specified in the said programme, the competent Greek authorities shall issue to Greek importers import licences for Austrian goods without prejudice to goods originating in any other country which is a member of the European Payments Union.

III

The Greek Government shall also grant import licences for the Austrian goods enumerated in the annexed list B.

While the autonomous system for the promotion of Greek exports remains in force in Greece, imports of such goods shall be effected in accordance with the following provisions :

If, at the end of the first six months, the import licences issued do not attain 50 per cent of the amounts provided for each category of goods in list B, the Greek authorities shall, as soon as possible, issue additional import licences to cover the said 50 per cent. The same procedure shall be followed at the end of the

¹ Came into force on 20 September 1952, upon signature, in accordance with article V.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 184, p. 219.

second six months, for which period import licences shall be issued up to 31 October 1953.

If any change is made in the system at present in force in Greece, the competent Greek authorities shall, for each six-month period, issue import licences for one-half of the quotas shown in the annexed list B.

If Greek importers should fail to use an individual import licence issued to them under the quotas shown in list B because they consider the licence inadequate, the Greek authorities shall, after consultation with the Austrian Legation at Athens, increase by an equivalent amount some other quota on the list which is wholly or partly unused.

IV

Being desirous of ensuring a balanced trade between Austria and Greece and taking into account the special economic structure of the two countries and their position in the European Payments Union, the two delegations have agreed as follows :

If on the expiry of this Protocol, Austrian exports to Greece under paragraph II have not attained the same volume as Greek exports to Austria, the competent Greek authorities shall issue additional licences for the import of Austrian goods, subject to prior agreement between the two parties on the basis of a proposal by Austria.

If Greek exports to Austria have not attained the same volume as Austrian exports to Greece, the competent Austrian authorities shall issue additional import licences for the Greek goods enumerated in the annexed list A.

V

The provisions of this Protocol and lists A and B annexed thereto shall come into force on the date of signature and continue in force until 30 September 1953.

DONE at Vienna, in duplicate, in the French language, on 20 September 1952.

For the Federal Government of Austria :

Dr. BOBLETER

For the Royal Government of Greece :

J. JOANNOU

LIST A

GREEK EXPORTS TO AUSTRIA

	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Value in dollars</i>
1. Figs		250,000
2. Raisins (sultanas, currants)	2,500 tons	
3. Citrus fruits		200,000
4. Tobacco		3,000,000
5. Fresh grapes	400 tons	
6. Straw for brooms		25,000
7. Sponges		100,000
8. Guts		75,000
9. Olive oil		150,000
10. Olive oil for industrial uses		30,000
11. Stearine and other fatty acids		50,000
12. Wine	1,000 lb.	
13. Chromium ore		130,000
14. Kassandra pyrites	40,000 tons	
15. Pyrite ash		300,000
16. Iron ore	50,000 tons	
17. Valonia extract and valonia		100,000
18. Colophony	800 tons	
19. Turpentine oil		30,000
20. Hand-made Oriental carpets		30,000
21. Undressed lamb, sheep and goat hides		150,000
22. Walnut-tree trunks for veneer		50,000
23. Naxos emery		20,000
24. Barium oxide		100,000
25. Miscellaneous		75,000

LIST B

AUSTRIAN GOODS NOT INCLUDED IN THE GREEK IMPORT PROGRAMME
TO BE IMPORTED INTO GREECE

	<i>Value in dollars</i>
1. Foodstuffs, such as coffee substitute, chocolate confectionery, canned meats	5,000
2. Chemical products : paints and varnishes, miscellaneous chemical products	15,000
3. Textiles, such as knitting wool (\$12,000), hemp thread, fabrics of cotton and artificial fibres printed or woven in colours, fabrics for ties, oil-cloth, hats	110,000
4. Articles of wood, such as veneer and panels of wood fibre, flooring, mouldings, bars, plywood, "Heraclite" construction panels, pegs . . .	100,000

	<i>Value in dollars</i>
5. Paper and paper products, such as miscellaneous cardboard, typewriting paper, semi-fine duplicating paper, paper not containing wood pulp, artificial parchment paper, blotting paper, drawing paper, writing paper, art printing paper, chrome paper, coloured and calico paper, filter paper, paper napkins	100,000
6. Glass, ceramic articles and earthenware products, such as « Eternit », hollow-glass ware, lighting glass, glass bricks, glass for water-gauges, lenses for protective goggles, protective goggles, abrasives, ceramic articles, earthenware sanitary articles, ceramic glazes and enamels . . .	30,000
7. Iron, steel and other metal products, such as cast-iron boilers for central-heating and hot-water systems, domestic appliances, saws Knives, cutlery and pen-knives (\$30,000), petrol-operated welding apparatus, steel office furniture, safes, drying racks, fittings for furniture, doors and windows, hinges, locks and keys (\$25,000) Office equipment, such as stapling machines, mechanisms for loose-leaf binders and for stapling machines, drawing pins, pencil sharpeners, date stamps, numbering machines, stamps, punches, rubber erasers (\$30,000) Sewing outfits, chains (sizes not manufactured in Greece), bronze plates for printing, aluminium sheets, vacuum bottles, enamelled articles, agricultural implements, such as forks, etc., frames and accessories for umbrellas and other articles of iron and steel wire, scythes and sickles (\$80,000), metal drums (\$50,000)	250,000
8. Electric apparatus, such as switches, condensers, electric heating and household appliances Refrigerators, installation material, lighting equipment, luminous signals, hearing aids, radio sets and parts (\$45,000), blasting-machines and electric detonators for mines and public works, electric motors 0.15-20 h.p. (\$7,000)	80,000
9. Machinery, such as lifting and transport machinery (including hoists for cars), hoists etc., printing machinery (other than for newspapers), pumps	70,000
10. Vehicles : motorcycles, motor bicycles, bicycles and parts, lorries, bus and lorry chassis (\$80,000)	100,000
11. Optical and precision instruments, such as pocket watches, clocks, microscopes and microtomes	10,000
12. Rubber and asbestos articles, such as brake-linings, high-pressure jointing material, miscellaneous rubber articles (except lorry tyres and inner tubes)	30,000

13. Miscellaneous articles, such as musical instruments, thimbles and powder-compacts, articles for smokers (cigarette boxes and cases, etc.), lighters, sports articles, fire-arms for hunting and sport, wood and glass toys, mechanical and electric toys, pencils, jewellery, incandescent mantles 50,000

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

I

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION

Vienna, 20 September 1952

Sir,

During the negotiations now in progress the Austrian delegation has repeatedly urged that the following quotas be granted :

Combed wool yarn and combed staple fibre	\$1,000,000
Unassembled boxes	500,000
Diesel tractors	250,000
Tyres for vehicles, including inner tubes	100,000

The Greek delegation, in view of the import system in force in Greece, has been unable to consent to the establishment of quotas for these goods.

With regard to the importation into Greece of combed wool yarn and combed staple fibre, the Greek delegation has stated that Austria may participate in the import of those goods on condition that their importation from other countries is also permitted.

With regard to the other goods mentioned above, the Greek delegation has stated that Austria may supply these under the Greek import programme and subject to the same conditions as apply to the other States members of the European Payments Union.

The Austrian delegation has stressed its interest in the export of these goods to Greece, and, having noted the statement of the Greek delegation, has requested that delegation to give favourable consideration to the Austrian requests.

I would ask you to confirm to me your agreement to the foregoing, and have the honour to be, etc.

Dr. BOBLETER

Mr. Jean S. Joannou
Chairman of the Greek Delegation
Vienna

II

CHAIRMAN OF THE GREEK DELEGATION

Vienna, 20 September 1952

Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, as follows :

[See letter I]

I have the honour to confirm to you my Government's agreement to the foregoing, and have the honour to be, etc.

J. JOANNOU

Mr. Carl H. Bobleter
Chairman of the Austrian Delegation
Vienna

III

CHAIRMAN OF THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION

Vienna, 20 September 1952

Sir,

During the negotiations now in progress the Austrian delegation has stated its Government's desire to export breeding-stock (horses, cattle, sheep) to Greece.

I have noted with satisfaction your statement to the effect that the Royal Government of Greece is prepared, if the import of animals of the above-mentioned species is generally authorized, to allow Austria to export to Greece animals of breeds approved by the competent Greek authorities.

I would ask you to confirm to me your Government's agreement to the foregoing, and have the honour to be, etc.

DR. BOBLETER

Mr. Jean S. Joannou
Chairman of the Greek Delegation
Vienna

IV

CHAIRMAN OF THE GREEK DELEGATION

Vienna, 20 September 1952

Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, as follows :

[See letter III]

I have the honour to confirm to you my Government's agreement to the foregoing, and have the honour to be, etc.

J. JOANNOU

Mr. Carl H. Bobleter
Chairman of the Austrian Delegation
Vienna