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[Translation — Traduction]

No. 2510. AGREED MINUTES OF THE FRANCO-GREEK CONVERSATIONS OF 11, 12 AND 30 JULY 1952, CONSTITUTING A TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREECE AND FRANCE. SIGNED AT PARIS, ON 31 JULY 1952

When the Franco-Greek commercial agreement of 3 July 1951 expired on 30 June 1952, it was not materially possible to initiate the necessary negotiations for the conclusion of a new agreement.

However, a rapid exchange of views was held in Paris on 11, 12 and 30 July 1952 between a French delegation and a Greek delegation with a view to arriving at a *modus vivendi* to govern trade between the two countries pending full-scale negotiations to be held not later than 31 December 1952.

It was agreed as follows:

- (1) During the period beginning 1 July 1952 and ending not later than 31 December 1952, Schedules B and C of the agreement of 3 July 1951 will be continued in force, adjusted in proportion to the number of months to be covered by this understanding and subject to the following conditions:
- (a) Having regard to the quotas in Schedule C, the Greek authorities will take the necessary steps for the issuing of licences for the importation into Greece of the French products listed in the Schedule up to a total of 180 million francs per quarter.

Since, in view of the date of signature of the present minutes, it is unlikely that import licences for the third quarter will be issued before the final month of the quarter, it is agreed that the licences for the fourth quarter will be distributed during the month of October 1952.

- (b) Having regard to the quotas in Schedule B, the French authorities will take the necessary steps for the issuing of import licences for the products listed in the Schedule, in conformity with the decisions transmitted to the OEEC concerning the drawing up of French quarterly import programmes.
- (c) Ex-decontrolled non-essential Greek products may likewise continue to be imported into France under the said programmes.
- (d) No definite quota for the period under consideration has been fixed for purchases of tobacco because of their seasonal character. However, it was indicated by the French delegation that it was not the intention of the French

¹ Came into force on 31 July 1952 by signature.

Government to oppose the customary end-of-year purchases provided that the Greek authorities, for their part, observed the provisions of paragraph 1 (a) above and facilitated traditional French exports.

- (2) The Greek authorities will, within the limits of the Greek general import programme, facilitate the French exports listed in Schedule A of the agreement of 3 July 1951, the necessary adjustments being made in proportion to the number of months elapsing before the renewal of the agreement.
- (3) The exchanges of letters annexed to the agreement of 3 July 1951 will be provisionally continued in force.
- (4) The Greek authorities, desirous of assisting French undertakings in obtaining equipment and public works contracts in Greece, will give French companies due notice when tenders are invited.

Done at Paris, 31 July 1952.

Chairman of the Greek delegation:

(Signed) Ath. TRIANTAPHYLLIS

Chairman of the French delegation:

(Signed) Jean Deciry