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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 3129. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING A
TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN GREECE AND THE
NETHERLANDS. ATHENS, 5 AND 14 JULY 1955

I

Athens, 5 July 1955

No. 2805

Your Excellency,

With reference to the recent conversations held at Athens between this Legation and the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning trade between the Netherlands and Greece during the period 1 February 1955 to 31 January 1956, I have the honour to submit the following proposals:

1. Trade will be governed by the liberalized import and export measures taken or to be taken by the Government of the Netherlands and the Greek Government, either within the framework of the OEEC decisions or independently without any discrimination with respect to other countries members of the OEEC.

2. If one of the Contracting Parties modifies this liberalization system in a manner likely to affect imports, the Joint Commission provided for under article 8 of the Trade Agreement between the two countries of 5 February 1953 shall be convened immediately at the request of the other Party in order to examine the situation and establish quotas for the products of interest to the other Contracting Party.

Each Government undertakes in advance that in the event of its taking such action it will, pending such arrangements as may be made through the Joint Commission, as provided for above, give sympathetic consideration, in the spirit of the cordial relations existing between the two countries and in the framework of their traditional trade, to any applications for import licences submitted by the importers concerned.

3. The Netherlands Government undertakes to issue import licences for the following Greek goods up to the quantities or values indicated for each:

Fresh fruits (apples, pears)*, florins	38,000
Tomato <i>purée</i> in tins weighing 5 kg. or more, and intended for the preserves industry, florins	38,000

* The importation of apples shall be suspended during the period 15 July 1955 to 15 March 1956; the importation of pears shall be suspended during the period 15 July 1955 to 15 February 1956.

¹ Came into force on 14 July 1955 by the exchange of the said letters.

Sea-salt, tons	5,000
Veneer sheets, florins	76,000
Miscellaneous, florins	190,000

4. The Greek Government undertakes to issue import licences for Netherlands cosmetic products up to a value of 19,000 florins.

5. In the circumstances provided for in paragraph 2 of this letter, the competent authorities of the importing country shall take suitable measures, having regard to the situation, to permit the performance of contracts, including long-term contracts, which are in course of execution at the time such consultations are held and for which approval of a transfer of currency has been granted by an authorized bank in accordance with the import regulations in force.

6. Machinery and spare parts, as specified in the list of the Greek Ministry of Industry (for the importation of which authorization by the said Ministry is required), of Netherlands origin shall receive the same treatment as machinery and spare parts originating in other countries members of the European Payments Union.

I should be grateful if you would signify the agreement of the Royal Government of Greece to the foregoing.

I have the honour to be, etc.

W. C. POSTHUMUS MEYJES

His Excellency Mr. S. Stephanopoulos
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Athens

II

ROYAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 07811

Athens, 14 July 1955

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 5 July 1955, which reads as follows:

[*See letter I*]

In reply, I have the honour to confirm the agreement of the Royal Government of Greece to the foregoing.

I have the honour to be, etc.

S. STEPHANOPOULOS

His Excellency Mr. W. C. Posthumus Meyjes
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
Athens