

No. 3905

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
GREECE**

**Agricultural Commodities Agreement under Title I of the  
Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act.  
Signed at Athens, on 24 June 1955**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 25 June 1957.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
GRÈCE**

**Accord relatif aux produits agricoles, conclu dans le cadre  
du titre I de la loi tendant à développer et à favoriser  
le commerce agricole. Signé à Athènes, le 24 juin 1955**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 25 juin 1957.*

No. 3905. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
GREECE UNDER TITLE I OF THE AGRICULTURAL  
TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ACT. SIGN-  
ED AT ATHENS, ON 24 JUNE 1955

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Greece :

Recognizing the desirability of expanding trade in agricultural commodities between their two countries and with other friendly nations in a manner which would not displace usual marketings of the United States in these commodities or unduly disrupt world prices of agricultural commodities;

Considering that the purchase for drachmae of agricultural commodities produced in the United States will assist in achieving such an expansion of trade;

Considering that the drachmae accruing from such purchases will be utilized in a manner beneficial to both countries;

Desiring to set forth the understanding which will govern the sales of agricultural commodities to Greece pursuant to Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, and the measures which the two Governments will take individually and collectively in furthering the expansion of trade in such commodities;

Have agreed as follows :

*Article I*

SALES FOR DRACHMAE

1. Subject to the issuance and acceptance of purchase authorizations referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, the Government of the United States of America undertakes to finance on or before July 31, 1955, the sale for drachmae of certain agricultural commodities determined to be surplus pursuant to Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 to purchasers authorized by the Government of Greece.

2. The United States Government will issue purchase authorizations which shall include provisions relating to the sale and delivery of commodities, the time and circumstances of deposit of the drachmae accruing from such sales, and

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 24 June 1955, upon signature, in accordance with article VI.

other relevant matters, and which shall be subject to acceptance by the Government of Greece. Certain commodities, and amounts, with respect to which tentative agreement has been reached by the two Governments, are listed in paragraph 3 of this Article.

3. The United States Government undertakes to finance the sale to Greece of the following commodities, in the values indicated, under purchase authorization to be issued on or before July 31, 1955, under the terms of Title I of the said Act and of this Agreement;

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Value (Million dollars)</i>
Wheat . . . . .	3.4
Cottonseed Oil . . . . .	2.0
Ocean Transportation (est.) . . . . .	.6
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	TOTAL 6.0

## *Article II*

### USES OF DRACHMAE

1. The two Governments agree that drachmae accruing to the Government of the United States as a consequence of sales made pursuant to the Agreement will be used by the Government of the United States for the following purposes in the amounts shown :

- (a) To help develop new markets for United States agricultural commodities and for other United States expenditures in Greece under subsections (a), (c) and (f) of Section 104 of the Act, the drachma equivalent of \$1.8 million.
- (b) For loans to the Government of Greece to promote the economic development of Greece under Section 104 (g) of the Act, the drachma equivalent of \$4.2 million, subject to supplemental agreement between the two Governments. In the event that drachmae set aside for loans to the Government of Greece are not advanced within three years from the date of this Agreement as a result of failure of the two Governments to reach agreement on uses of the drachmae for loan purposes or for any other purpose, the Government of the United States may use the drachmae for any other purpose authorized by Section 104 of the Act.

2. The drachmae accruing under this Agreement shall be expended by the Government of the United States for the purposes stated in paragraph 1 of this Article, in such manner and order of priority as the Government of the United States shall determine.

*Article III*

## DEPOSITS AND WITHDRAWALS OF DRACHMAE

1. The amount of drachmae to be deposited to the account of the United States shall be the dollar sales value of the commodities reimbursed or financed by the Government of the United States converted into drachmae at the rate of exchange on the dates of dollar disbursements by the United States, generally applicable to import transactions (excluding imports granted a preferential rate). Such dollar sales value shall include ocean freight and handling reimbursed or financed by the Government of the United States, except that it shall not include any extra cost of ocean freight resulting from a United States requirement that the commodities be transported on United States flag vessels.

2. The two Governments agree that the following procedures shall apply with respect to the drachmae deposited to the account of the United States under this Agreement :

- (a) On the date of deposit of such drachmae to the account of the United States, they shall, at the same rate of exchange at which they were deposited, be converted and transferred to a special dollar denominated account to the credit of the United States Government in the Bank of Greece.
- (b) Drawings on such special account by the United States for the uses specified in paragraph 1 (a) of Article II of this Agreement shall be paid by the Bank of Greece in drachmae at the highest effective rate in terms of the number of drachmae per dollar available to any party in Greece on the date of payment.
- (c) Drawings on such special account for the loan uses specified in paragraph 1 (b) of Article II of this Agreement shall be accomplished by transferring from such special account to the account of the Greek Government the equivalent of the drachmae to be loaned.

*Article IV*

## GENERAL UNDERTAKINGS

1. The Government of Greece agrees that it will take all possible measures to prevent the resale or transshipment to other countries, or use for other than domestic purposes (except where such resale, transshipment or use is specifically approved by the Government of the United States), of surplus agricultural commodities purchased pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, and to assure that its purchase of such commodities does not result in increased availability of these or like commodities to nations unfriendly to the United States.

2. The two Governments agree that they will take reasonable precautions to assure that sales or purchases of surplus agricultural commodities pursuant to this Agreement will not unduly disrupt world prices of agricultural commodities, displace usual marketings of the United States in these commodities, or materially impair trade relations among the countries of the free world.

3. In carrying out this Agreement the two Governments will seek to assure conditions of commerce permitting private traders to function effectively and will use their best endeavors to develop and expand continuous market demand for agricultural commodities.

#### *Article V*

##### CONSULTATION

The two Governments will, upon the request of either of them, consult regarding any matter relating to the application of this Agreement or to the operation of arrangements carried out pursuant to this Agreement.

#### *Article VI*

##### ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective representatives, duly authorized for the purpose, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Athens, Greece, this 24th day of June, 1955.

For the United States  
of America :  
Ray L. THURSTON  
[SEAL]

For the Kingdom  
of Greece :  
STEPHANOPOULOS  
PAPALIGOURAS