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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 4730. TRADE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ. SIGNED AT BAGHDAD, ON 11 OCTOBER 1958

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The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of the Republic of Iraq, desiring to develop and strengthen trade relations between their two countries on a basis of equality and mutual benefit, have agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

Trade relations between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic of Iraq shall be based on the principle of respect for each other's commercial interests.

*Article 2*

The exchange of goods between the USSR and the Republic of Iraq shall be effected on the basis of schedules A<sup>2</sup> and B<sup>2</sup> annexed.

Schedule A enumerates the goods intended for export to the Republic of Iraq, and schedule B enumerates the goods intended for export to the USSR.

Schedules A and B may be amended by agreement between the Contracting Parties.

*Article 3*

The competent authorities of the two Governments shall issue without restriction the necessary import and export licences for the goods enumerated in schedules A and B, in accordance with the laws in force.

*Article 4*

The provisions of Article 2 shall not affect the right of Soviet foreign-trade organizations and Iraqi individuals and bodies corporate to conclude with each other, subject to compliance with the regulations in force in the two countries regarding importation, exportation and currency control, commercial contracts for the import and export of goods not included in the schedules referred to in article 2.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 3 January 1959 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification at Baghdad, in accordance with article 11.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 114 of this volume.

The competent authorities of the two Parties shall consider, in a spirit of genuine co-operation, any requests for the importation and exportation of goods under the contracts provided for in this article.

#### *Article 5*

Goods originating in or imported from the territory of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics shall be entitled, on importation into the territory of the Republic of Iraq, to minimum tariff rates and shall not be liable to any import duties, charges or taxes higher than those imposed on goods imported from any third State.

Goods originating in or imported from the territory of the Republic of Iraq shall be entitled, on importation into the territory of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, to minimum tariff rates and shall not be liable to any duties, charges or taxes higher than those imposed on goods imported from any third State.

These provisions shall not extend to goods imported from the USSR but originating in countries which do not enjoy most-favoured-nation treatment in Iraq, or to goods imported from Iraq but originating in countries which do not enjoy most-favoured-nation treatment in the USSR.

Most-favoured-nation treatment shall also be applied with respect to customs regulations and formalities concerning the importation, exportation, conveyance in transit, warehousing and transshipment of goods being exported or imported or goods in transit, and to any charges connected with those operations.

#### *Article 6*

Goods which are being imported from the USSR into the territory of the Republic of Iraq and are conveyed in transit through the territory of one or more third countries, and goods which are being imported from the Republic of Iraq into the territory of the USSR and are conveyed in transit through the territory of one or more third countries, shall not be liable to any treatment other than that to which they would have been liable if they had been imported directly from their country of origin or export.

#### *Article 7*

The merchant vessels of each Contracting Party and their cargoes shall enjoy, in the seaports of the other Contracting Party, the same treatment in all respects as the merchant vessels and cargoes of the most-favoured nation. The Contracting Parties shall grant each other, in their ports, most-favoured-nation treatment with regard to the entering, clearing and stationing of their vessels and cargoes.

*Article 8*

The most-favoured-nation treatment provided for in this Agreement shall not extend to :

- (1) Privileges which are or may hereafter be granted by one of the Contracting Parties for the purpose of facilitating frontier trade;
- (2) Advantages arising out of a customs union which one of the Contracting Parties has concluded or may hereafter conclude;
- (3) Special privileges and advantages which Iraq has granted or may hereafter grant to one of the Arab countries;
- (4) Special privileges and advantages which the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has granted or may hereafter grant to a country adjacent to it.

*Article 9*

The Contracting Parties shall do everything in their power to promote the development of the transit trade of interest to both their countries through their respective territories, subject to compliance with the laws and regulations regarding transit in each country.

*Article 10*

All current payments between individuals and bodies corporate in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Iraq shall be made in transferable sterling, or in another currency to be agreed upon by the Parties.

To this end, all contracts and accounts relating to trade between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Iraq shall be expressed in pounds sterling or in another currency to be agreed upon by the Parties.

*Article 11*

This Agreement shall be ratified by each Contracting Party in accordance with its laws. It shall enter into force after the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Baghdad, and shall have effect for one year from the date of its entry into force. It shall be renewed by tacit agreement from year to year, unless either Contracting Party gives notice in writing to the other Contracting Party, three months before the expiry of any one-year period of the Agreement's validity, of its desire to terminate the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned plenipotentiaries, having been duly authorized by their Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Baghdad, on 11 October 1958, in duplicate, in the Russian and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic.

By authorization  
of the Government  
of the Union of Soviet  
Socialist Republics :  
L. EZHOV

By authorization  
of the Government  
of the Republic of Iraq :  
I. KUBBA

## ANNEX

## SCHEDULE A

## SOVIET GOODS INTENDED FOR EXPORT TO IRAQ

Industrial plant.	Clocks and precision instruments.
Hoisting and transport equipment.	Ball and roller bearings.
Pumps and compressors.	Other machinery and industrial plant.
Building equipment.	Rolled iron and steel products.
Road-building equipment.	Metal manufactures.
Geological survey equipment.	Rolled aluminium.
Oil-industry equipment.	Cable and wire.
Polygraphical equipment.	Lumber and plywood.
Rolling-stock and other railway equipment.	Chemicals.
Telephone equipment.	Medicines and pharmaceutical products.
Electric motors and generators.	Cotton fabrics and thread.
Portable electric generators.	Newsprint and other paper.
Diesel electric generators.	Asbestos.
Diesel engines.	Tiles.
Machine tools and instruments.	Ceramic goods.
Agricultural machinery and tractors.	Sewing machines.
Motor vehicles (passenger automobiles, trucks and special vehicles).	Electric and other household articles.
Motor buses.	Articles of plastic materials.
Bicycles and motor cycles.	Medical equipment.
Cinematographic equipment.	Sheet glass.
Wireless and television sets.	Electric light bulbs.
Optical instruments.	Alcoholic beverages and food products.
Geodesic equipment.	Cinematographic films, books and other goods.
L. E.	I. K.

## SCHEDULE B

## IRAQI GOODS INTENDED FOR EXPORT TO THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Dates.	Sheep's wool.
Barley and other cereals.	Goat's wool.
Undressed skins.	Oil seeds.
Gut.	Tobacco.
Cotton.	Raw materials and other goods.
L. E.	I. K.