

No. 4647

---

**PAKISTAN  
and  
SYRIA**

**Trade Agreement (with schedules and exchange of letters).  
Signed at Karachi, on 18 December 1955**

*Official texts: English and Arabic.*

*Registered by Pakistan on 28 January 1959.*

---

**PAKISTAN  
et  
SYRIE**

**Accord commercial (avec tableaux et échange de lettres).  
Signé à Karachi, le 18 décembre 1955**

*Textes officiels anglais et arabe.*

*Enregistré par le Pakistan le 28 janvier 1959.*

No. 4647. TRADE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND SYRIA. SIGNED AT KARACHI, ON 18 DECEMBER 1955

---

The Governments of Pakistan and the Republic of Syria being desirous of promoting trade and strengthening economic relations between their two countries have agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

Exchange of goods between the Syrian Republic and Pakistan shall be subject to the regulations of import and export in force in each of the two countries.

*Article 2*

The Government of the Syrian Republic agree to permit directly the importation of the commodities that are of Pakistani origin which are specified in schedule " B " <sup>2</sup> annexed to this agreement; the Government of Pakistan, on the other hand, agree to permit the exportation of the same.

The Government of Pakistan agree to permit directly the importation of the commodities that are of Syrian origin which are specified in schedule " A " <sup>2</sup> annexed to this agreement. The Government of Syria, on the other hand, agree to permit the exportation of the same.

*Article 3*

Schedules " A " and " B " annexed to this Agreement are only indicative of the types of the commodities that are likely to figure in trade between the two countries. They are not in any way restrictive in nature.

*Article 4*

The two Contracting Parties will grant each other most-favoured-nation treatment in respect of customs duties imposed on goods imported by the other party and in respect of any other duties and with respect to the method of levying such duties and with respect to all rules and formalities and charges and customs clearing operations in connection with importation and exportation and in respect of granting permits of exports and imports.

---

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 26 September 1957, as from the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, in accordance with article 8.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 284 of this volume.

*Article 5*

The advantages set out in article 4 of this agreement shall not apply to the :

- (i) preferences which either of the two countries grant or shall grant to facilitate frontier traffic.
- (ii) advantages resulting from a customs union which either of the two Contracting Parties had previously concluded or shall conclude, or resulting from a free exchange system.
- (iii) preferences and advantages which Syria had previously granted or shall grant to the Arab countries (Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, Yemen, Libya).
- (iv) preferences or advantages accorded by Pakistan to any country, existing on the date of this Agreement or in replacement of such preferences or advantages that existed prior to the 15th August 1947.

*Article 6*

The two Governments agree to promote intercourse between the trade interests of the two countries and undertake to give every facility, including facilities for movement, for the exchange of commodities and goods.

*Article 7*

Payments arising out of transactions made in accordance with this Agreement shall be settled in accordance with the prevalent Exchange Control Regulations in force in each country. These payments shall be made in Sterling unless otherwise agreed to by the two countries. For this purpose each of the Contracting Governments undertakes to permit the transfer of currencies referred to above to the country of the other Contracting Government for the settlement of payments arising out of this Agreement.

*Article 8*

This Agreement, the Schedules and the letters<sup>1</sup> attached to it, shall be ratified by each of the two Contracting Parties in accordance with its own legislation and shall become effective from the day of exchanging the instruments of ratification. It shall remain in force for a period of one year and will be renewed automatically year after year unless a notice of termination is given by either Party at least three months before its expiry.

DONE at Karachi in quadruplicate, two in Arabic and two in English, all documents being equally authentic, on the 18th December, 1955.

For the Government  
of Pakistan :  
(Signed) Habib I. RAHIMTOOLA  
Minister for Commerce  
and Industries, Pakistan

For the Government  
of the Republic of Syria :  
(Signed) Rizk-Allah ANTAKI  
Minister of National  
Economy, Syria

<sup>1</sup> See p. 286 of this volume.

## SCHEDULE «A»

## IMPORTS FROM SYRIA

- |                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| 1. Tobacco, raw.           | 9. Maize.                                |
| 2. Artificial silk yarn.   | 10. Cumin.                               |
| 3. Cotton yarn twist.      | 11. Licorice, roots, powder and extract. |
| 4. Anis seed.              | 12. Glass sheets, glass products.        |
| 5. Sesame and sesame seed. | 13. Cotton textiled.                     |
| 6. Garlics.                | 14. Silk and brocade.                    |
| 7. Wheat.                  | 15. Wooden works.                        |
| 8. Barley.                 |  |

## SCHEDULE «B»

## EXPORTS FROM PAKISTAN

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Tea.   | 16. Electric incandescent lamps.          |
| 2. Turpentine.  | 17. Padlocks.                             |
| 3. Fertilizers (bone-meal).   | 18. Grinding wheels.                      |
| 4. Ephedrine hydrochloride.   | 19. Wire netting and wire gauzes.         |
| 5. Electric ceiling fans.   | 20. Cycle accessories.                    |
| 6. Aluminium, brass and copper and other metallic manufactures or utensils. | 21. Hides.                                |
| 7. Hurricane lanterns.  | 22. Soda.                                 |
| 8. Surgical instruments and hospital equipment.                             | 23. Potassium nitrate.                    |
| 9. Oil expellers, crushers and filters.                                     | 24. Rosin.                                |
|   | 25. Saltpetre.                            |
|   | 26. Carpets and rugs.                     |
|   | 27. Jute materials of all kinds.          |
|   | 28. Shot guns.                            |
|   | 29. Ice-cream machinery.                  |
| 10. Chaff cutters.  |   |
| 11. Lathes.   | 30. Sports-goods and musical instruments. |
| 12. Band saw machines and circular saw machines.                            | 31. Buttons, seep, horn, etc.,            |
| 13. Cutlery.  | 32. Sewing machines and parts thereof.    |
| 14. Water fittings.   |   |
| 15. Flushing cisterns and sanitary fittings.                                |   |

## EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

## I

Karachi, the 18th December, 1955

My dear Minister,

With reference to Article 7 of the Trade Agreement between the Government of Pakistan and the Government of Syria signed to-day,<sup>1</sup> it is our understanding that the expression "payments in sterling" implies payments in transferable sterling as defined in the United Kingdom exchange control.

I shall be grateful if you would kindly confirm that this sets out correctly the understanding reached between us.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Rizk-Allah ANTAKI

Hon'ble Mr. Habid Ibrahim Rahimtoola  
Minister for Commerce & Industries  
Government of Pakistan  
Karachi

## II

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE  
KARACHI

Dated 18th December, 1955

My dear Minister,

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows :

[See letter I]

I confirm that the above text sets out correctly the understanding reached between us.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Habib Ibrahim RAHIMTOOLA

H.E. Dr. Rizk-Allah Antaki  
Minister of National Economy  
Government of Syria

<sup>1</sup> See p. 280 of this volume.

## III

Karachi, the 18th December, 1955

My dear Minister,

During the course of our negotiations it was stated that the existing preferences mentioned in subparagraph (iv) of Article 5 of the trade agreement signed today refer to preferential arrangements between Pakistan on the one side and Burma, Ceylon, United Kingdom and their Colonies on the other. This paragraph is also intended to cover the special arrangements made in pursuance of paragraph 11 of Article XXIV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.<sup>1</sup>

I shall be grateful if you would kindly confirm that this sets out correctly the understanding reached between us.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Rizk-Allah ANTAKI

Hon'ble Mr. Habib Ibrahim Rahimtoola  
Minister for Commerce and Industries  
Government of Pakistan  
Karachi

## IV

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE  
KARACHI

Dated 18th December, 1955

My dear Minister,

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of to-day's date which reads as follows :

[See letter III]

I confirm that the above text sets out correctly the understanding reached between us.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Habib Ibrahim RAHIMTOOLA

H.E. Dr. Rizk-Allah Antaki  
Minister of National Economy  
Government of Syria

---

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, p. 326 of this volume.