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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC**

**Agricultural Commodities Agreement under Title I of the  
Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act,  
as amended (with exchange of notes). Signed at Cairo,  
on 14 November 1959**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 7 June 1960.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE UNIE**

**Accord relatif aux produits agricoles, conclu dans le cadre  
du titre I de la loi tendant à développer et à favoriser le  
commerce agricole, telle qu'elle a été modifiée (avec  
échange de notes). Signé au Caire, le 14 novembre 1959**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 7 juin 1960.*

No. 5165. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC UNDER TITLE I OF THE  
AGRICULTURAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND AS-  
SISTANCE ACT, AS AMENDED. SIGNED AT CAIRO,  
ON 14 NOVEMBER 1959

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Arab Republic :

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 or normal patterns of commercial trade with friendly countries;

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

Considering that the Syrian pounds accruing from such purchase will be utilized in a manner beneficial to both countries;

Desiring to set forth the understandings which will govern the sales, as specified below, of surplus agricultural commodities to the United Arab Republic (Northern Region) pursuant to Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as the Act) 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 SYRIAN POUNDS

Subject to the availability of commodities for programming under the Act and to the issuance by the Government of the United States of America and acceptance by the Government of the United Arab Republic of purchase authorizations, the Government of the United States of America undertakes to

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 14 November 1959, upon signature, in accordance with article VI.

finance the sale to purchasers authorized by the Government of the United Arab Republic, for Syrian pounds, of the following agricultural commodities determined to be surplus pursuant to the Act, in the amounts indicated :

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Export market value (million)</i>
Wheat and/or wheat flour . . . . .	\$ 4.6
Barley . . . . .	3.9
Ocean transportation (estimated) . . . . .	1.1
	\$ 9.6

Application for purchase authorizations will be made within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreement. Purchase authorizations will include provisions relating to the sale and delivery of commodities, the time and circumstances of deposit of the Syrian pounds accruing from such sale, and other relevant matters.

It is understood that the sale of wheat and barley under this Agreement is not intended to increase the availability of these or like commodities for export and is made on the condition that no exports of such commodities will be made from the Northern Region of the United Arab Republic during the period that the wheat and barley are being imported and utilized, and in any case not before July 31, 1960.

## *Article II*

### USES OF SYRIAN POUNDS

1. The two Governments agree that the Syrian pounds accruing to the Government of the United States of America as a consequence of sales made pursuant to this Agreement will be used by the Government of the United States of America, in such manner and order of priority as the Government of the United States of America shall determine, for the following purposes, in the amounts shown :

- (A) For United States expenditures under subsection (f) of Section 104, the Syrian pound equivalent of \$960,000.
- (B) For United States expenditures under subsections (a), (b), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q) and (r) of Section 104 of the Act or under any of such subsections, the Syrian pound equivalent of \$1,440,000.
- (C) For loans to be made by the Export-Import Bank of Washington under Section 104 (e) of the Act and for administrative expenses of the Export-Import Bank of Washington in the United Arab Republic incident thereto, the Syrian pound equivalent of \$2,400,000, but not more than 25 percent of the currencies received under the Agreement. It is understood that :

- (a) Such loans under Section 104 (e) of the Act will be made to United States business firms and branches, subsidiaries, or affiliates of such firms in the United Arab Republic for business development and trade expansion in the United Arab Republic, and to United States firms and United Arab Republic firms for the establishment of facilities for aiding in the utilization, distribution, or otherwise increasing the consumption of and markets for United States agricultural products.
- (b) Loans will be mutually agreeable to the Export-Import Bank of Washington and the Government of the United Arab Republic, acting through the Central Bank of Syria. The Governor of the Central Bank of Syria, or his designate, will act for the Government of the United Arab Republic, and the President of the Export-Import Bank of Washington, or his designate, will act for the Export-Import Bank of Washington.
- (c) Upon receipt of an application which the Export-Import Bank is prepared to consider, the Export-Import Bank will inform the Central Bank of Syria of the identity of the applicant, the nature of the proposed business, the amount of the proposed loan, and the general purposes for which the loan proceeds would be expended.
- (d) When the Export-Import Bank is prepared to act favorably upon an application, it will so notify the Central Bank of Syria and will indicate the interest rate and the repayment period which would be used under the proposed loan. The interest rate will be similar to that prevailing in the United Arab Republic on comparable loans, and the maturities will be consistent with the purposes of the financing.
- (e) Within sixty days after the receipt of the notice that the Export-Import Bank is prepared to act favorably upon an application, the Central Bank of Syria will indicate to the Export-Import Bank whether or not the Central Bank of Syria has any objection to the proposed loan. Unless within the sixty-day period the Export-Import Bank has received such a communication from the Central Bank of Syria, it shall be understood that the Central Bank of Syria has no objection to the proposed loan. When the Export-Import Bank approves or declines the proposed loan, it will notify the Central Bank of Syria.
- (f) In the event the Syrian pounds set aside for loans under Section 104 (e) of the Act are not advanced within three years from the date of this Agreement because the Export-Import Bank of Washington has not approved loans or because proposed loans have not been mutually agreeable to the Export-Import Bank of Washington and the Central Bank of Syria, the Government of the United States of America may use the Syrian pounds for any purpose authorized by Section 104 of the Act.

- (D) For a loan to the Government of the United Arab Republic under subsection (g) of Section 104 of the Act, the Syrian pound equivalent of not more than \$4.8 million, for financing such projects to promote economic development, including projects not heretofore included in plans of the Government of the United Arab Republic, as may be mutually agreed. In the event that agreement is not reached on the use of the Syrian pounds for loan purposes within three years from the date of this agreement, the Government of the United States of America may use the Syrian pounds for any purposes authorized by Section 104 of the Act.

2. In the event the total of Syrian pounds accruing to the Government of the United States of America as a consequence of sales made pursuant to this agreement is less than the pound equivalent of \$9.6 million, the amount available for a loan to the Government of the United Arab Republic under 104 (g) will be reduced by the amount of such difference; in the event the total Syrian pound deposit exceeds the equivalent of \$9.6 million, 50 percent of the excess will be available for a loan under Section 104 (g), 25 percent for loans under Section 104 (e), and 25 percent for any use or uses authorized by Section 104 as the Government of the United States of America may determine.

### *Article III*

#### DEPOSIT OF SYRIAN POUNDS

Syrian pounds shall be deposited to the account of the Government of the United States of America in payment for the commodities and for ocean transportation costs financed by the Government of the United States of America (except excess costs resulting from the requirement that United States flag vessels be used) at the rate of exchange for United States dollars generally applicable to import transactions (excluding imports granted a preferential rate) in effect on the dates of dollar disbursement by United States banks, or by the Government of the United States of America, as provided in the purchase authorizations.

### *Article IV*

#### GENERAL UNDERTAKINGS

1. The Government of the United Arab Republic agrees that it will take all possible measures to prevent the resale or transshipment to other countries, or the use for other than domestic purposes (except where such resale, transshipment or use is specifically approved by the Government of the United States of America), of the surplus agricultural commodities purchased pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, and to assure that the purchase of such commodities

does not result in increased availability of these or like commodities to nations unfriendly to the United States of America.

2. The two Governments agree that they will take reasonable precautions to assure that all sales or purchases of surplus agricultural commodities, pursuant to the Agreement, will not unduly disrupt world prices of agricultural commodities, displace usual marketings of the United States of America in these commodities, or disrupt normal patterns of commercial trade with friendly countries.

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.

4. The Government of the United Arab Republic agrees to furnish, upon request of the Government of the United States of America, information on the progress of the program, particularly with respect to arrivals and conditions of commodities, and information relating to exports of the same or like 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

The 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 Cairo in duplicate this fourteenth day of November 1959.

For the Government of the United States of America :  
Raymond A. HARE

For the Government of the United Arab Republic :  
A. KAÏSSOUNI

## EXCHANGE OF NOTES

## I

*The American Ambassador to the Minister of Economy of the United Arab Republic*

Cairo, November 14, 1959

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the Agricultural Commodities Agreement signed today<sup>1</sup> between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Arab Republic.

I wish to confirm my Government's understanding of the agreement reached in conversations which have taken place between this Embassy and the Government of the United Arab Republic with respect to the use of Syrian pounds accruing under the subject Agreement for agricultural market development purposes by the Government of the United States of America under Section 104 (a) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act, as amended.

It is understood that the Government of the United Arab Republic will provide facilities for the conversion of up to \$100,000 worth of Syrian pounds into other currencies. These facilities for conversion are needed for the purpose of securing funds to finance agricultural market development activities of the Government of the United States in other countries.

I shall appreciate receiving Your Excellency's confirmation of the above understanding.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

Raymond A. HARE

His Excellency Abdel Moneim el-Kaissouni  
Minister of Economy of the United Arab Republic  
Cairo

<sup>1</sup> See p. 312 of this volume.

## II

*The Minister of Economy of the United Arab Republic to the American  
Ambassador*

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC  
CENTRAL MINISTRY OF ECONOMY  
Office of the Minister

14th November 1959

Excellency :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's note of November 14, 1959, which reads as follows :

[*See note I*]

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the terms of the foregoing note are acceptable to the Government of the United Arab Republic and to confirm on behalf of my Government the above understanding.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

A. KAISSOUNI

His Excellency Raymond A. Hare  
Ambassador of the United States of America  
Cairo