

No. 5243

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
GREECE**

**Agricultural Commodities Agreement under Title I of the
Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act,
as amended (with related notes). Signed at Athens,
on 7 January 1960**

Official text: English.

Registered by the United States of America on 13 July 1960.

**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, telle qu'elle a été modifiée
(avec notes connexes). Signé à Athènes, le 7 janvier
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No. 5243. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
GREECE UNDER TITLE I OF THE AGRICULTURAL
TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ACT, AS
AMENDED. SIGNED AT ATHENS, ON 7 JANUARY 1960

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 or normal patterns of commercial trade with friendly countries;

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

Considering that the drachmae 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 Greece 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 GREEK DRACHMAE

Subject to the availability of commodities for programming under this Act and to issuance by the Government of the United States of America and acceptance by the Government of Greece of purchase authorizations, the Government of the United States of America undertakes to finance the sale to purchasers authorized by the Government of Greece, for Greek drachmae, of the following agricultural commodities determined to be surplus pursuant to the Act, in the amounts indicated :

¹ Came into force on 7 January 1960, upon signature, in accordance with article VI.

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Export market value (million)</i>
Feedgrains	\$5.5
Ocean transportation (estimated)	\$.8
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	TOTAL \$6.3

Applications for purchase authorizations will be made not later than 90 calendar 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 drachmae accruing from such sale, and other relevant matters.

It is understood that the sale of feedgrains 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 Greece during the period that the feedgrains are being imported and utilized.

Article II

USES OF GREEK DRACHMAE

1. The two Governments agree that the Greek drachmae 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 of the Act, the Greek drachmae equivalent of \$1.26 million.

B. For United States expenditures under subsections (a), (b), (c), (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 drachmae equivalent of \$945,000.

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 Greece incident thereto, the drachmae equivalent of \$945,000, but not more than 25 percent of the currencies received under the Agreement. It is understood that :

- (1) 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 Greece

for business development and trade expansion in Greece, and to United States firms and Greek 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.

- (2) Loans will be mutually agreeable to the Export-Import Bank of Washington and the Government of Greece, acting through the Ministry of Economic Coordination. The Minister, or his designate, will act for the Government of Greece, and the President of the Export-Import Bank of Washington, or his designate, will act for the Export-Import Bank of Washington.
- (3) Upon receipt of an application which the Export-Import Bank is prepared to consider, the Export-Import Bank will inform the Ministry of Economic Coordination 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.
- (4) When the Export-Import Bank is prepared to act favorably upon an application, it will so notify the Ministry of Economic Coordination 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 those prevailing in Greece on comparable loans, and the maturities will be consistent with the purposes of the financing.
- (5) Within sixty days after the receipt of the notice that the Export-Import Bank is prepared to act favorably upon an application, the Ministry of Economic Coordination will indicate to the Export-Import Bank whether or not the Ministry has any objection to the proposed loan. Unless within the sixty-day period the Export-Import Bank has received such a communication from the Ministry of Economic Coordination, it shall be understood that the Ministry has no objection to the proposed loan. When the Export-Import Bank approves or declines the proposed loan, it will notify the Ministry of Economic Coordination.
- (6) In the event the drachmae 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 Ministry, the Government of the United States of America may use the drachmae for any purpose authorized by Section 104 of the Act.

D. For a loan to the Government of Greece under Section 104 (g) of the Act, the drachmae equivalent of not more than \$3.15 million, for financing such projects to promote economic development, including projects not heretofore included in plans of the Government of Greece, as may be mutually agreed,

In the event that agreement is not reached on the use of the drachmae for loan purposes within three years from the date of this Agreement, the Government of the United States of America may use the drachmae for any purposes authorized by Section 104 of the Act.

2. In the event the total of Greek drachmae accruing to the Government of the United States of America as a consequence of sales made pursuant to this Agreement is less than the drachmae equivalent of \$6.3 million, the amount available for a loan to the Government of Greece under Section 104 (g) of the Act will be reduced by the amount of such difference; in the event the total drachmae deposit exceeds the equivalent of \$6.3 million, 50 percent of the excess will be available for a loan under Section 104 (g), 15 percent for loans under Section 104 (e), and 35 percent for any use or uses authorized by Section 104 of the Act as the Government of the United States of America may determine.

Article III

DEPOSIT OF GREEK DRACHMAE

Greek drachmae 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 Greece 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 agricultural commodities pursuant to this

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 Greece 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 arrival and condition 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

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 in duplicate this seventh day of January, 1960.

For the Government
of the United States of America :

Ellis O. BRIGGS

For the Government
of Greece :

A. PROTOPAPADAKIS

RELATED NOTES

The Greek Minister of Coordination to the American Ambassador

MINISTRY OF COORDINATION
THE MINISTER

Athens, January 7, 1960

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agricultural Commodities Agreement signed today¹ between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Greece.

I wish to confirm my Government's understanding of the agreement reached in conversations which have taken place between representatives of the Government of Greece and the American Embassy with respect to the use by the Government of the United States of America of Greek drachmae accruing under the subject Agreement for purposes of Sections 104 (a) and 104 (h) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act, as amended.

It is understood that the Government of Greece will provide facilities for the conversion of up to \$350,000 worth of Greek drachmae into other currencies. These facilities for conversion are to be utilized for the purpose of securing up to \$150,000 in funds to finance agricultural market development activities in other countries and up to \$200,000 in funds to finance educational exchange activities in other countries.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

A. PROTOPAPADAKIS

His Excellency Ellis O. Briggs
Ambassador of the United States of America
Athens

¹ See p. 222 of this volume.

*The Greek Minister of Coordination to the American Ambassador*MINISTRY OF COORDINATION
THE MINISTER

Athens, January 7, 1960

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agricultural Commodities Agreement signed today between representatives of our two Governments under which the Government of the United States of America undertakes to finance the delivery to the Government of Greece of \$6.3 million of agricultural commodities and to inform you of the following :

In expressing its agreement with the Government of the United States of America that the above-mentioned delivery of agricultural commodities should not unduly disrupt world prices of agricultural commodities, displace usual marketings of the United States in these commodities, or impair trade relations among friendly nations, my Government agrees that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960, it will import from the United States at least 10,000 metric tons of feedgrains in addition to the approximately 106,000 metric tons of feedgrains to be imported under the terms of the cited agreement.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

A. PROTOPAPADAKIS

His Excellency Ellis O. Briggs
Ambassador of the United States of America
Athens