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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 6963. LONG-TERM TRADE AGREEMENT¹ COVERING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1963 - 31 MARCH 1968 BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA. SIGNED AT SOFIA, ON 5 APRIL 1963

The Federal Government of Austria and the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, being desirous of promoting and expanding trade between the two States, and considering that the greatest possible continuity of economic relations would be conducive to that end, have for this purpose decided to conclude an agreement for the long-term regulation of trade and have accordingly agreed as follows :

Article 1

Trade between the Republic of Austria and the People's Republic of Bulgaria shall be governed by the general import and export regulations in force at any given time in each of the two States and shall be based on the attached schedules A/63² and B/63³.

Article 2

The quotas specified in schedules A/63 and B/63 shall remain in force until 31 March 1964. They shall then be stipulated anew for the following years by the Joint Commission established under article 10 of this Agreement, if either of the two Contracting Parties so requests not less than three months before their date of expiry. Otherwise, schedules A/63 and B/63 shall automatically remain in force from year to year. If, however, either Contracting Party denounces the schedules, the quotas specified in the schedules so denounced shall remain in force *pro rata temporis* until such time as the Joint Commission has agreed upon new schedules and such schedules have become effective.

The quotas marked with an asterisk (*) in schedules A/63 and B/63 shall remain in force until 31 March 1968. If necessary, these quotas as well may be reviewed annually, in which event an effort shall be made to increase the volume of trade.

¹ Came into force on 1 April 1963, in accordance with the provisions of article 13.

² See p. 32 of this volume.

³ See p. 38 of this volume.

Article 3

The two Contracting Parties undertake, subject to the regulations in force at any given time, to facilitate the most expeditious possible importation or exportation of the goods enumerated in the aforementioned schedules through the granting of licences or through other administrative measures.

The two Contracting Parties further undertake to instruct their competent authorities to ensure that the agreed quotas are used at a uniform rate up to the end of each agreement year, particular attention being paid to delivery possibilities in the case of seasonal goods.

Article 4

With a view to the maximum promotion of trade between the two States which is not covered by this Agreement, the competent authorities of the two Contracting Parties shall also, so far as economic circumstances permit, give the most sympathetic consideration to, and wherever possible approve, applications in respect of goods for which no quotas have been specified in the schedules or for which the quotas specified in the schedules are already exhausted, wherever licences are needed or other administrative measures are prescribed for the importation or exportation of such goods.

Article 5

The competent authorities of the two Contracting Parties shall promote and encourage transit trade and similar transactions with a view to expanding and facilitating the reciprocal turnover of trade and payments.

Article 6

The competent authorities of the two Contracting Parties shall give sympathetic consideration to applications for licences in respect of transactions involving goods for processing.

Article 7

Transactions approved in accordance with the provisions of the Long-Term Trade Agreement of 27 July 1960 between the Republic of Austria and the People's Republic of Bulgaria shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of the said Agreement

Article 8

The provisions of this Agreement shall apply, even after it has ceased to have effect, to transactions previously agreed upon or approved and not yet completed.

Article 9

At the request of the Bulgarian Contracting Party, the Austrian Contracting Party shall, during the period of validity of the agreed schedules of quotas, apply to certain goods the preferential rates of customs duty set out in the attached schedule.¹

The Bulgarian Contracting Party shall, during the same period apply in respect of Austria the minimum rates of customs duty under the Bulgarian customs tariff in force at any given time.

In the event that, before the expiry of the period of validity of the aforementioned preferential rates of customs duty, any change should occur in the relevant Austrian rates of customs duty, as established by treaty, or in the minimum rates of customs duty under the Bulgarian customs tariff, the corresponding preferential rates of customs duty under the present Agreement shall at the same time cease to have effect. In that event, the two Contracting Parties declare that they will, eight weeks before the introduction of any such measure, inform the other Contracting Party with a view to the possible initiation of negotiations.

Article 10

The settlement of payments in respect of deliveries of goods covered by this Agreement shall be effected in accordance with the present terms of the Payments Agreement of 16 October 1948 between the Republic of Austria and the People's Republic of Bulgaria or such terms as may hereafter be in force.

Article 11

The two Contracting Parties shall appoint a Joint Commission composed of representatives of the two Governments. The Commission shall supervise the observance and execution of the agreements entered into and shall, in the light of experience, make appropriate proposals for improving economic relations between the two States. It shall also resolve any difficulties in connexion with reciprocal trade and payments and shall amend and supplement the agreements and, in particular, the schedules.

The Joint Commission shall, if necessary, meet at any time, at the request of either of the two Contracting Parties.

¹ See p. 30 of this volume.

The meetings of the Joint Commission shall be held alternately in Austria and in Bulgaria.

Article 12

Upon the entry into force of this Agreement, the Long-Term Trade Agreement of 27 July 1960 between the Federal Government of Austria and the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, together with any provisions subsequently agreed upon by the Joint Commission in protocols and exchanges of notes, shall cease to have effect. However, the foregoing shall not apply to such provisions as relate to the Payments Agreement of 16 October 1948 between the Republic of Austria and the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

Article 13

This agreement shall enter into force as from 1 April 1963 and shall remain in force until 31 March 1968. Unless denounced three months before that date, it shall be extended from year to year. It may thereafter be denounced on 31 March of any year.

Denunciation shall in all cases be subject to three months' notice in writing through the diplomatic channel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their Governments for the purpose, have signed and sealed this Agreement.

DONE at Sofia on 5 April 1963, in duplicate in the German and Bulgarian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Federal Government
of Austria :

Dr. Erich PICHLER

For the Government
of the People's Republic
of Bulgaria :

Vesselin TODOROV

ANNEX TO ARTICLE 9

SCHEDULE OF PREFERENTIAL RATES OF CUSTOMS DUTY

<i>Tariff heading</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Rate of customs duty in % of the value or in schillings per 100 kg</i>
<i>ex</i> 07.01 K 1	Garlic	S 21
<i>ex</i> 07.03 C	Tomatoes in barrels or kegs	S 70
07.05 B 1 a	Chick-peas	S 21
07.05 B 1 b	Other peas	S 56
<i>ex</i> 08.04 A 1 b	Dessert grapes, fresh, between 21 August and 30 September	S 30
08.05 B 1	Walnuts, in shell	S 65
08.05 B 2	Walnuts, shelled	S 135
08.12 A 2	Prunes, in individual packages of less than 10 kg	S 84
08.12 B 1	Pears, dried, unbleached	S 70
08.12 B 2	Apples, dried, unbleached	S 126
08.12 B 3	Fruit, dried (other than that falling within headings 08.01-08.05)	
	Other, dried, unbleached	S 84
20.01 C 2 b	Tomato preserves, without added spices, mustard or sugar, in barrels or kegs	S 70
20.02 A 4 b	Peeled tomatoes (in air-tight containers, gross weight not exceeding 15 kg)	S 300
<i>ex</i> 20.02 B 4	Tomato preserves, cooked but not otherwise processed, in barrels or kegs	S 70
20.06 B 3	Peach preserves, in air-tight containers	S 400
<i>ex</i> 20.07 B 5 a	Pure apricot juice, mahaleb juice, strawberry juice and raspberry juice, in containers not exceeding 20 litres in volume	S 175
22.05 B 1 a	Wine of fresh grapes (excluding sparkling wine), with an alcohol content not exceeding 18 per cent by volume, in containers exceeding 50 litres in volume	S 300
22.05 B 1 b1	Wine in casks	S 315
22.05 B 1 b2	Wine in bottles	S 630
22.05 C	Sparkling wine	S 2,100
<i>ex</i> 58.01	Carpets of wool or other animal fibres, hand-woven	S 5,000
		not more than 30% of the value and not less than 20% of the value
84.45 A	Machine-tools for working metal or metallic carbides, of iron, without motors (which shall be subject to the appropriate general rates of customs duty for this heading), according to the following categories by unit weight :	
	1. 10,000 kg or over	S 168
	2. Under 10,000 kg but not less than 1,000 kg	S 196
	3. Under 1,000 kg but not less than 200 kg	S 231
	4. Under 200 kg	S 266
<i>ex</i> 85.01 A 3	Electric motors, unit weight under 500 kg but not less than 25 kg	21%
<i>ex</i> 85.01 A 4	Electric motors, unit weight under 25 kg	24%

SCHEDULE A/63

AUSTRIAN EXPORTS TO BULGARIA

<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Annual quantity in tons</i>	<i>Annual value in \$</i>
* 1	Power machinery, equipment, accessories and spare parts, including : (a) Electrical machinery, equipment and installations (b) Other power-producing machinery, equipment and appliances, including steam generators, internal combustion engines, fittings, water-gauges and valves (c) Miscellaneous electrical equipment, including insulating materials		500,000
2	Electrical smelting ovens and induction equipment for heating furnaces		P.M.
* 3	Pumps and pumping equipment, accessories and spare parts		100,000
* 4	Miscellaneous machinery, accessories and spare parts for the consumer-goods industry and the chemical industry, construction machinery, wood-working machinery, textile machinery, industrial knives, springs, rollers, etc.		600,000
5	Machine-tools, including accessories and spare parts		150,000 Subject to increase
6	Mining machinery, equipment and accessories, including : (a) Priming machines (b) Compressed-air tools		50,000 Subject to increase
7	Lifting equipment, including cranes, telfer systems and hoists, together with accessories and spare parts		P.M.
8	Compressors, accessories and spare parts		50,000
9	Radio sets and equipment and radio valves		50,000
10	Tools of all kinds, including saws and saw blades, files, hard-metal tools, fraises, twist-drills, diamond tools, planes and plane-irons, automobile tools and saw chains		200,000
11	Agricultural machinery and equipment, including wheeled and caterpillar tractors, accessories, spare parts and fittings		P.M.
* 12	Railway rolling-stock, accessories and spare parts		1,000,000
13	Products of the automobile industry, accessories and spare parts, and garage fittings		100,000
14	Shipbuilding products, accessories and spare parts		P.M.

<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Annual quantity in tons</i>	<i>Annual value in \$</i>
* 15	Low-voltage electric equipment, including telegraph and telephone equipment and appliances, electro-acoustical and high-frequency equipment, fluorescent tubes and incandescent lamps, and parts . . .		150,000
* 16	Precision instruments, optical and geodetic instruments, including microscopes and microtomes . . .		80,000 Subject to increase
* 17	Meters, testers, regulators and control equipment for electrical and heating systems, and accessories		120,000 Subject to increase
* 18	Ball-bearings and roller-bearings		400,000 Subject to increase
* 19	Medical and electromedical instruments and laboratory equipment, including quartz-lamps		100,000
* 20	Scythes and sickles		60,000
* 21	Rolled material, including dynamo sheet-metal, tin strip and zinc-coated sheet-iron		2,000,000
* 22	Iron and steel strip, cold-rolled, including superrefined steel		200,000
* 23	Superrefined steel, alloyed and plain, in rods, bars and plates		2,500,000
* 24	Superrefined steel tubes		200,000
* 25	Steel and aluminium cables		300,000
* 26	Welding electrodes		500,000 Subject to increase
* 27	Aluminium products, including aluminium foil and bottle-caps		1,200,000
28	Unfinished aluminium and aluminium alloys in sheets and ingots	300	
* 29	Cables and wires		500,000
* 30	Fireproof material, e.g. magnesite bricks and calcined magnesite, sintered magnesite, bricks of silica and fire-clay, special fireproof sections, and heat-resistant bricks fired from siliceous marl . . .		400,000
31	Drawn iron and steel wire, including superrefined steel wire		150,000
32	Pipes and fittings		100,000
33	Steel products, e.g. permanent magnets, steel bottles, etc., and steel cast and hammered pieces . . .		150,000 Subject to increase
34	Metal screens, e.g. metal cloths for the paper industry and wire cloths		50,000
35	Chains and anchors		100,000 Subject to increase

<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Annual quantity in tons</i>	<i>Annual value in \$</i>
36	Iron and metal goods		150,000
37	Enamel frits, opacifiers and glazings		30,000
38	Miscellaneous chemicals and chemical products		200,000
39	Dental materials and pharmaceutical products		30,000
40	Fertilizers		P.M.
41	Plant protection products and pesticides		30,000
42	Aluminium-bronze paints		30,000
43	Miscellaneous paints, varnishes and thinners		60,000
44	Mining detonators, caps and fuses		P.M.
45	Filtering materials, asbestos products, packing material and brake linings		30,000
46	Grinding wheels, abrasive paper and abrasive cloths		30,000
47	Rubber products, including tires		30,000
48	Foil and paper for stamping		P.M.
* 49	Miscellaneous paper and paper goods, e.g. newsprint, vellum, imitation parchment, cigarette paper, condenser paper, glazed paper, ordinary and special paperboards, cellophane, etc.		500,000
* 50	Cellulose fibre	1,000	
* 51	Miscellaneous yarns		150,000
52	Corduroy fabric		100,000
53	Miscellaneous textile goods		50,000 Subject to increase
54	Felts for paper machines, grinding and polishing felt wheels		P.M.
55	Glass products, including preserving jars, carboys and packing glass		20,000
56	Scientific books, periodicals and sheet music		10,000
57	Office supplies		P.M.
58	Musical instruments		P.M.
59	Synthetic goods and linoleum		50,000 Subject to increase
60	Sporting goods		10,000
* 61	Cattle for breeding and other purposes, breeding boars and sows		60,000
62	Miscellaneous		50,000

SCHEDULE B/63
BULGARIAN EXPORTS TO AUSTRIA

Serial No.	Description of goods	Annual quantity in tons	Annual Value in \$
* 1	Animals and animal products		2,000,000
* 2	Poultry, killed	350 Subject to increase	
* 3	Eggs, fresh		1,000,000
4	Natural honey		P.M.
5	Bristles		20,000
6	Entrails, dry and salted		50,000 Subject to increase
7	Bed feathers, unprocessed		50,000
8	Horns and hooves		20,000
9	Garlic		40,000
10	Onion sets		10,000
* 11	Tomatoes and other vegetables, fresh (including hothouse goods up to 15 June)		1,000,000
12	Vegetables, dried		50,000
* 13	Pulses	1,000	
14	Walnuts	100 Subject to increase	
* 15	Dessert grapes and other fruit, fresh	5,500	
* 16	Dessert fruit purées		100,000
17	Dried fruit		50,000
* 18	Paprika, ground	300	
19	Other spices		50,000
* 20	Maize	30,000	
21	Rice	1,000	
22	Millet	400	
23	Poppy seeds		30,000
* 24	Pumpkin seeds	600	
25	Sunflower seeds		P.M.
* 26	Seeds for field, fodder and vegetable crops		150,000 Subject to increase
* 27	Medicinal herbs		400,000
28	Rice straw (sorghum straw)	200	
* 29	Vegetable oils, crude, especially sunflower oil	2,500 Subject to increase	
30	Tomato purée in casks		100,000
31	Fruit juices (apricot, mahaleb, strawberry and raspberry only)		50,000
* 32	Wine		Within the limits of Austria's total quota
* 33	Tobacco	1,000	
34	Petroleum, crude, and fuel oil	50,000	

<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Annual quantity in tons</i>	<i>Annual value in \$</i>
* 35	Chemicals, especially sulphur		300,000
36	Pharmaceutical raw materials		100,000
37	Essential oils		50,000
38	Hides and pelts, undressed, light		P.M.
* 39	Cotton rags, hemp and flax waste		200,000
* 40	Flax and hemp, unprocessed		300,000
* 41	Carpets, hand-woven		300,000
42	Ores, metals and concentrates		500,000
* 43	Machinery, equipment and spare parts, including metal-working machinery, pneumatic forge-ham- mers, electric carts, electric telfhers and other electrical machinery		300,000
44	Bulgarian handicraft products		50,000
45	Miscellaneous		500,000