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Article I

The Czechoslovak Government and the Austrian Federal Government undertake, in order to prevent the spread of plant pests and diseases—hereinafter referred to briefly as "pests"—to co-operate in the matter of plant protection, to agree upon uniform protective measures against particularly dangerous pests, to exchange experience and knowledge in the matter of plant protection and, each at the request of the other Contracting Party, to support protective action against pests in the neighbouring country by rendering assistance so far as possible.

Article II

For the time being, the following are declared to be particularly dangerous pests within the meaning of article I:

- (1) The Colorado beetle (Leptinotarsa|Doryphora|decemlineata);
- (2) The California beetle ($Aspidiotus\ perniciosus$) and
- (3) Potato canker (Synchytrium endobioticum).

This list may be supplemented or amended by agreement.

Article III

The two Contracting Parties undertake to supply, with all consignments of plants and plant products which are carriers of the pests enumerated in article II, on exportation from one country to the other, a certificate issued by the official plant protection service of the exporting country to the effect that such consignments are free from the pests specified in article II of this Agreement.

Article IV

The two Contracting Parties undertake to adopt in relation to third States the same measures as those prescribed in article III.

¹ Came into force on 30 March 1950, upon signature, in accordance with article X.

Article V

The two Contracting Parties undertake to designate in their territory, for the purpose of traffic between them, specific points of entry through which imports, exports and transit consignments of plants and plant products shall be exclusively channelled, and to take all possible measures to prevent the introduction of pests from third States.

Article VI

Each of the two Contracting Parties undertakes to notify the other at all times of:

- All laws enacted, regulations issued and standards laid down concerning plant protection, and all phytosanitary requirements for the importation of plants and plant products;
- (2) The list of goods which are subject to phytopathological examination on importation into the territory of the other Contracting Party, and any change in the said list.

Article VII

In view of the dangers to agriculture presented by the pests enumerated in article II, each Contracting Party undertakes in particular:

- (1) To transmit to the other Party, not later than 31 December of each year, a comprehensive report on the incidence and control of the said pests during the past year, and in addition, in the course of the year, to notify the other Contracting Party promptly of any particular alarming outbreak of pests;
- (2) To instruct the population regarding the harmful character, life cycle and control of the said pests;
- (3) To carry out expert inspections annually in order to determine the extent of the distribution of the pests;
- (4) To organize the control of these pests in accordance with the latest scientific and practical knowledge.

Article VIII

The two Contracting Parties undertake to hold annually at least one joint consultation between representatives of the official plant protection services of the two countries in order to settle questions arising in connexion with this Agreement and to exchange information and experience. Such consultations shall take place alternately in Czechoslovakia and in Austria. The time and place thereof shall be determined by agreement between the two Contracting Parties in each case.

Article IX

Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the Contracting Parties from being members of an international organization or parties to an international convention for plant protection.

Article X

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature. The Agreement is concluded for an initial term of three years and may be denounced at one year's notice. The Agreement shall be extended for successive terms of three years unless it is denounced by one of the two Contracting Parties not later than one year before the expiry of the current term.

Done at Prague on 30 March 1950 in two original copies in the Czech and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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