

**No. 8142**

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[TRANSLATION<sup>1</sup> — TRADUCTION<sup>2</sup>]

No. 8142. TRADE AGREEMENT<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN IRELAND AND FRANCE (1955-56). SIGNED AT PARIS, ON 7 JUNE 1955

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The Irish Government and the French Government, desiring to facilitate commercial relations between Ireland and France to the greatest extent possible, have agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

The Irish Government undertake to afford reasonable facilities, within the framework of the import restrictions in force from time to time, for the admission to Ireland of products of French origin which have not been liberalised and will examine sympathetically applications for the admission of goods to the export of which the French Government attach particular importance, including woollen and worsted yarns and piece goods, cotton, silk and rayon goods.

*Article 2*

Each Government undertakes to consider favourably the grant of all possible facilities for the supply of raw materials and commodities essential to the economy of the other country, with particular reference to :

- (1) Railway sleepers,
- (2) Rock phosphate and artificial fertilisers,
- (3) Cattle intended for the production of vaccine against foot and mouth disease.

*Article 3*

The French Government undertake to grant the necessary import and currency licences for the importation into Metropolitan France and Saar of the Irish goods listed in Annex B. 1 hereto.

*Article 4*

The French Government undertake to ensure the grant of the import and currency licences necessary to permit the full utilisation of the quotas listed in Annex B. 2 for the importation of Irish goods into the following territories of the French monetary area :

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<sup>1</sup> Translation by the Government of Ireland.

<sup>2</sup> Traduction du Gouvernement irlandais.

<sup>3</sup> Came into force on 1 April 1955, in accordance with article 7.

Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, French West Africa, French Equatorial Africa, Madagascar and dependencies, Reunion, Guiana, Guadelupe, Martinique, St. Pierre and Miquelon, New Caledonia, French establishments in Oceania, Condominium of New Hebrides, Cameroons and Togo.

*Article 5*

The two Governments agree to consult each other, as occasion requires, with the object of reviewing the development of Franco-Irish trade and of considering appropriate measures for its further improvement.

*Article 6*

Payments in respect of trade and invisible transactions between the French monetary area and Ireland shall continue to be effected in the same manner as payments between the other members of the sterling area and the territories of the French monetary area.

*Article 7*

The present agreement shall operate during the period from the 1st April, 1955, until the 31st March, 1956.

DONE in duplicate at Paris this seventh day of June One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five in the Irish and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of Ireland :

William P. FAY

For the Government  
of France :

Pierre SEBILLEAU

ANNEX B 1  
QUOTAS FOR METROPOLITAN FRANCE

Year 1955-56

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Value £</i>
Salmon, fresh or frozen . . . . .	40,000
Salmon, smoked . . . . .	3,000
Fresh water fish, fresh or frozen comprising pike and eels . . . . .	3,000
Escallops, mussels, cockles (canned or bottled) . . . . .	1,000
Fresh sea fish (mullet and bass) . . . . .	2,000
Lobsters, crawfish and other crustacea . . . . .	60,000
Ale, beer and stout . . . . .	10,000
Whiskey . . . . .	3,500
Gin . . . . .	500
Cigarettes . . . . .	10,000
Chocolate . . . . .	15,000
Sugar Confectionery . . . . .	10,000
Flour Confectionery . . . . .	2,000
Waterford lead crystal cut glass . . . . .	5,000
Cereal breakfast foods . . . . .	2,000
Knitted outerwear (Ladies' and Men's) . . . . .	5,000
Raincoats . . . . .	5,000
Interlinings (including tie linings) . . . . .	10,000
Ladies' tweed skirts . . . . .	1,000
Linen fabrics (painted or hand printed) . . . . .	2,000
Linen waistcoats . . . . .	1,000
Illustrated postcards . . . . .	500
Fair quotas . . . . .	5,000
Miscellaneous goods . . . . .	40,000
TOTAL	£236,500
Chocolate crumb . . . . .	p.m.

## ANNEX B 2

## QUOTAS FOR FRENCH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

Year 1955-56

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Value £</i>
Ale, beer and stout . . . . .	20,000
Whiskey . . . . .	10,000
Gin . . . . .	3,000
Cigarettes . . . . .	25,000
Woollen tissues (tweeds) . . . . .	10,000
Sugar Confectionery . . . . .	1,000
Waterford lead crystal cut glass . . . . .	1,000
Ropes, twines and cordage . . . . .	5,000
Condensed, dried and evaporated milk . . . . .	30,000
Miscellaneous goods . . . . .	20,000
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TOTAL	£125,000