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No. 8092. TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. SIGNED AT MOSCOW, ON 15 OCTOBER 1965

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia,

Desiring to develop trade between their two countries to their mutual benefit,

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

1. The Contracting Parties shall accord each other unconditional most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters with respect to customs duties and charges of any kind imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation of products and with respect to the method of levying such duties and charges, with respect to all rules and formalities connected with importation or exportation, and with respect to all internal taxes or other internal charges of any kind.

2. Accordingly, products of the territory of one of the Contracting Parties imported into the territory of the other Contracting Party shall not be subject, in regard to the matters referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, to any other or higher duties, taxes or charges, or to any rules or formalities more burdensome, than those to which the like products of any third country are or may hereafter be subject.

3. Similarly, products exported from the territory of one of the Contracting Parties and consigned to the territory of the other Contracting Party shall not be subject, in regard to the matters referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, to any other or higher duties, taxes or charges, or to any rules or formalities more burdensome, than those to which the like products when consigned to the territory of any third country are or may hereafter be subject.

4. Any advantage, favour, privilege or immunity which has been or may hereafter be granted by either Contracting Party in regard to the matters referred

¹ Came into force on 15 October 1965, the date of signature, in accordance with article 7.

to in paragraph 1 of this Article to any product originating in or consigned to any third country shall be immediately and unconditionally accorded to the like product originating in or consigned to the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 2

1. No prohibitions or restrictions, whether in the form of quotas, import or export licences, foreign exchange controls, regulations, directives or any other measures, shall be instituted or maintained by either Contracting Party on the importation of any product from the territory of the other Contracting Party or on the exportation of any product consigned to the territory of the other Contracting Party, unless such prohibitions or restrictions are applicable to all third countries.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article shall not apply to import or exchange prohibitions or restrictions applicable to all countries in like circumstances for the purpose of safeguarding the external financial position and balance of payments.

Article 3

The provisions of this Agreement shall not limit the right of either Contracting Party to apply prohibitions or restrictions of any kind which are directed :

- (a) to the protection of its essential security interests; or
- (b) to the protection of public health or the prevention of diseases and pests in animals or plants.

Article 4

All payments arising from trade between the two countries shall be effected in convertible currency.

Article 5

The provisions of Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement shall not apply to :

- (a) preferences or advantages accorded by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to countries immediately adjacent to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;
- (b) preferences or advantages, accorded by the Commonwealth of Australia within the framework of the Commonwealth of Nations or to Ireland.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties agree to consult together at any time, at the request of either, on any matter affecting the operation of this Agreement.

Article 7

This Agreement shall come into force on the day of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of four years from that day. Thereafter it shall remain in force until the expiration of ninety days from the date on which one of the Contracting Parties receives from the other Contracting Party written notice of its intention to terminate it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Moscow this fifteenth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five in duplicate in the Russian and English languages, both of which shall be equally authentic.

By authority of the Government
of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics :

M. KUZMIN

By authority of the Government
of the Commonwealth of Australia :

J. ROWLAND
