

No. 9176

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and
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**Trade Agreement (with exchange of letters). Signed at
Singapore, on 24 April 1968**

Official text: English.

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Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par Singapour le 5 août 1968.

No. 9176. TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. SIGNED AT SINGAPORE, ON 24 APRIL 1968

The Government of the Republic of Singapore and the Government of Israel desiring to strengthen and develop the economic and trade relations between the two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Government of the Republic of Singapore and the Government of Israel shall, in accordance with and subject to the laws and regulations in force in either country, encourage the exports from and imports into their respective countries.

Article II

1. Each Party shall accord to the other Party most favoured nation treatment to the goods and commodities of the other Party. The said treatment shall apply to all questions relating to customs, duties, expenses, and other formality payments; it shall also be applied to all import licences, subject always to the provisions of Article I hereof.

2. This treatment shall also be applied to ships and aeroplanes of both countries with respect to port dues to be collected and privileges to be accorded, when entering or leaving the harbours or airports, as well as to the rules prevailing on the stay of ships and aeroplanes whilst in the harbour or airports.

3. The above provisions shall not apply to advantages and facilities accorded by either of the two countries to contiguous countries and to advantages and facilities resulting from a customs union to which either of the two countries is or may become a Party and shall also not apply to preferences accorded by the Republic of Singapore to Commonwealth countries, and the Republic of Ireland.

¹ Came into force on 24 April 1968 by signature, in accordance with article IX.

Article III

1. Each Party shall allow the holding of trade fairs, exhibitions and establishment of trade centres by the other and shall extend to the other Party—subject to its laws and regulations applicable generally—all facilities for holding such fairs, exhibitions and trade centres.

2. Subject to the laws and regulations in force in each country, the Contracting Parties shall facilitate the duty-free entry of:

- (a) articles destined for trade fairs and exhibitions ;
- (b) commercial samples and advertising materials ;
- (c) equipment and tools to be used for the construction of factories, or other joint ventures.

Article IV

All payments between the two countries shall be effected in freely convertible currencies.

Such payments shall be effected in conformity with the laws and exchange control regulations in force or which may come into force in the two countries during the validity of this Agreement.

Article V

Mercantile ships of each country with cargoes thereon, shall enjoy in respect of entry into, stay in and departure from the ports of the other country most favoured nation facilities granted by their respective laws, rules and regulations to ships under third country flags.

Article VI

The Contracting Parties shall encourage co-operation between the respective enterprises, organisations, institutions, firms and other bodies in both countries in the fields of industry, science and technical know-how.

Article VII

Each Contracting Party shall allow the other Contracting Party to establish a Trade Representation in its territory to promote the development of trade and economic relations between both countries; and to represent the interests of the other Contracting Party in its territory in all matters pertaining thereto.

Article VIII

In order to facilitate the implementation of this Agreement, both Parties agree to consult with each other in respect of any matter arising from or in connection with this Trade Agreement.

For this purpose they shall form a Joint Committee which shall meet at the request of either Party at a convenient date.

Article IX

This Agreement shall come into force on the day of its signing and shall remain in force for a period of one year.

Upon the expiry of the said period the Agreement shall be deemed to be automatically renewed and shall remain in force until either Contracting Party with a three months' notice in writing advises of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives duly authorised by their respective Governments have signed this Agreement.

DONE AND SIGNED in Singapore this 24th day of April, 1968, in two originals in the English language, both being equally authentic.

By authority
of the Government of the Republic
of Singapore:

TAN SOO CHYE

By authority
of the Government of Israel:

Aviezer CHELOUCHE

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

I

Dear Sir,

In connection with Article II of the Trade Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Singapore and the Government of Israel signed today, I have the honour to confirm the understanding reached between the Parties as follows:

The provisions relating to most favoured nation treatment shall also not apply to the preferences and advantages accorded by the Republic of Singapore to the Union of Burma.

I would appreciate if you will confirm that the above correctly records the understanding reached between us.

Please accept, Ambassador Chelouche, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dated this 24th day of April 1968 in Singapore.

TAN SOO CHYE

H. E. Ambassador Aviezer Chelouche
Head of Delegation of the State of Israel
Singapore

II

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

[See letter I]

I have the honour to confirm that your letter correctly records the understanding reached between us.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dated this 24th day of April 1968 in Singapore.

Aviezer CHELOUCHE

Mr. Tan Soo Chye
Head of Singapore Delegation
Singapore