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[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

No. 9228. TRADE AGREEMENT³ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN. SIGNED AT MADRID, ON 19 DECEMBER 1951

The Government of Ireland and the Government of Spain, desiring, by the encouragement of closer economic and commercial relations, to strengthen the bonds of friendship traditionally existing between their two peoples, have negotiated and agreed upon the following :

Article I

It is the desire of both Governments that trade between Ireland and Spain should attain as high a level as possible. With this object in view, both Governments undertake to facilitate the mutual interchange of goods and services and will foster in particular the exchange of commodities of importance to their respective economies.

Article II

The Irish Government undertake to continue their policy of affording all reasonable facilities for the admission to Ireland of products of Spanish origin and will more especially consider favourably applications for the admission of goods to the export of which the Spanish Government attach particular importance. In pursuance of this policy the Irish Government undertake to extend to Spain the benefits of trade liberalisation measures taken by Ireland within the framework of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

Article III

(a) The Spanish Government undertake to grant import and currency facilities for the importation into Spain from Ireland of shell eggs to a minimum annual f.o.b. value of £200,000.

(b) The Spanish Government further undertake that if, in any year, the necessities of the Spanish economy so require, import and currency facilities will be granted for the import of shell eggs from Ireland to a value exceeding this figure on terms not less favourable than those accorded to imports of shell eggs from any other country.

¹ Translation by the government of Ireland.

² Traduction du gouvernement irlandais.

³ Came into force on 19 December 1951, by signature, in accordance with article XIII.

(c) The Spanish Government undertake to grant import and currency facilities for the importation into Spain from Ireland of horses to a minimum annual f.o.b. value of £50,000.

(d) The Spanish Government undertake to grant import and currency facilities for the importation annually into Spain of the following products of Irish origin to the amount or value indicated :

| <i>Product</i> | <i>Amount or value</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Flax and Flax Tow | 300 tons |
| Beer and Spirits | £3,000 |
| Miscellaneous | £100,000 |

(e) The Spanish Government undertake that if, in any year, the necessities of the Spanish economy require the importation of meat, import and currency facilities will be granted for imports of meat from Ireland.

(f) The Irish Government undertake to give the necessary export facilities for purchases under the foregoing paragraph of this Article.

Article IV

The Irish Government undertake to continue to facilitate the export of seed potatoes to Spain. For their part, the Spanish Government undertake to ensure the purchase annually in Ireland of a substantial quantity of seed potatoes of the varieties traditionally imported from Ireland and agree that the minimum quantity to be purchased in any year shall be from 10,000 to 15,000 tons.

Article V

Subject to any other nomination which may be made from time to time by the Irish Government :

- (a) the sole exporter of eggs from Ireland to Spain shall be Eggports, Ltd., Dublin, and
- (b) the sole exporter of Irish seed potatoes to Spain shall be the Irish Potato Marketing Co., Ltd., Dublin.

Article VI

(a) Each Government undertakes to consider favourably the grant of all necessary facilities for the supply of materials essential to the other's economy.

(b) The Spanish Government recognise that Spain is a traditional source of supply of pyrites to Ireland and undertake to ensure that supplies of this material will continue to be made available to Irish importers at a minimum annual rate of 50,000 tons.

(c) The Spanish Government also agree to continue to facilitate the supply of muriate of potash to Ireland.

Article VII

The undertakings mentioned in the foregoing Articles shall be subject to the negotiation of contracts which are mutually satisfactory regarding specifications, prices, delivery and other terms.

Article VIII

Payments in respect of trade and invisible transactions between Ireland and Spain shall be effected in the same manner as payments between Spain and other members of the sterling area.

Article IX

The merchant shipping of both countries will be equally eligible for the transport of goods between the two countries.

Article X

Each Government has taken note of the other's desire that, with a view to the further development of direct commercial relations between the two countries, Irish and Spanish firms should, as far as possible, conduct their business with Spain and Ireland respectively through agents resident in either of the countries.

Article XI

(a) For the purpose of this Agreement the word "Spain" shall include the Spanish peninsular territory, the Balearic and Canary Islands, the Spanish Protectorate in Morocco, the Cities of Ceuta and Melilla and the Spanish Colonies.

(b) For the purpose of this Agreement the words "Ireland" and "Irish" refer to the territory within the jurisdiction of the Government of Ireland.

Article XII

Either Government may, at any time, seek consultation with the other regarding the principles and arrangements set out in this Agreement.

Article XIII

The present Agreement replaces and annuls the Trade Agreement concluded between the Government of Ireland and the Government of Spain on the 3rd September, 1947. It shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall

remain in force for an initial period of three years. Unless, on or before the expiry of the initial period, either Government notifies the other of its desire to the contrary, the Agreement shall thereafter continue in force until terminated by either Government with six months' prior notice.

DONE in duplicate at Madrid this nineteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, in the Irish and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of Ireland :

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