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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA,
CANADA and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Agreement relating to cereals (with annex). Done at London
on 30 June 1967**

Authentic texts: English and Spanish.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on
4 September 1969.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD, ARGENTINE, AUSTRALIE,
CANADA et ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Accord relatif aux produits céréaliers (avec annexe). Fait à
Londres le 30 juin 1967**

Textes authentiques: anglais et espagnol.

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le
4 septembre 1969.*

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RELATING TO CEREALS

The Government of the Argentine Republic, the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Government of Canada, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Government of the United States of America have agreed as follows :

Article I

The Government of the United Kingdom may continue to operate the minimum import price system for cereals, cereal products and by-products as set out in the Annex to this Agreement. That Annex constitutes an integral part of this Agreement.

Article II

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force between the Government of the United Kingdom and each of the other Governments signatory to this Agreement when the World Grains Arrangement² to be negotiated in accordance with Annex C of the Final Act authenticating the results of the 1964-67 Trade Conference held under the auspices of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade enters into force for the Government of the United Kingdom and such other Government.

(2) Unless the parties agree that it shall remain in force for a longer period, this Agreement shall terminate three years from the date on which the World Grains Arrangement enters into force, or on the date on which the Government of the United Kingdom ceases to be a party to that Arrangement, whichever is the earlier.

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1968 in respect of all Contracting Parties, in accordance with article II (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 727.

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

DONE at London this thirtieth day of June, 1967, in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authoritative, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall transmit a certified true copy thereof to each signatory Government.

For the Government of the Argentine Republic :

Por el Gobierno de la República Argentina :

Esta firma no está sujeta a aprobación o ratificación.¹

E. McLOUGHLIN

10 Noviembre 1967

For the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia :

Por el Gobierno del Commonwealth de Australia :

*ad referendum**

A. R. DOWNER

For the Government of Canada :

Por el Gobierno de Canadá :

C. S. A. RITCHIE

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland :

Por el Gobierno del Reino Unido de Gran Bretaña e Irlanda del Norte :

Fred MULLEY

For the Government of the United States of America :

Por el Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de América :

David K. E. BRUCE

A N N E X

(1) The cereals, cereal products, and by-products for which the Government of the United Kingdom have initially specified and propose to continue to specify minimum import prices are set out in the Schedule to this Annex. As regards the minimum import prices at present applied, which are set out in the relevant Statutory Instruments of the United Kingdom (S.I. 1964, No. 687, as amended by S.I. 1964, No. 990, S.I. 1965, No. 5,

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* In a communication dated 10 July 1967, the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia confirmed their signature as being effective on and from 30 June 1967.

and S.I. 1965, No. 1578) the Government of the United Kingdom have consulted the Governments of Australia, Canada, the Argentine Republic and the United States of America and it is understood that these prices are acceptable to those Governments. Any subsequent changes shall be a matter for joint consultation between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Governments of Australia, Canada, the Argentine Republic and the United States of America and as regards any changes which affect the particular interests of any one of those Governments the Government of the United Kingdom shall seek the agreement of that Government. In addition the Government of the United Kingdom shall not make any significant change in the general level of minimum import prices except after agreement with the Governments of Australia, Canada, the Argentine Republic and the United States of America.

(2) The Government of the United Kingdom shall take action to maintain the levels of the prescribed minimum import prices by such levies on imports as may be necessary for this purpose. The Government of the United Kingdom shall exempt from levies all imports of products in the attached Schedule which originated in and were consigned from either Australia, or Canada, or the Argentine Republic, or the United States of America, as the case may be, to the United Kingdom except in the following circumstances :

- (i) When the general level of offering prices to the United Kingdom market from either Australia, or Canada, or the Argentine Republic, or the United States of America as the case may be of any product in the Schedule is (after taking into account any customs duty chargeable) below the appropriate prescribed minimum import prices for that product, the Government of the United Kingdom may, after notifying the Government concerned, apply a levy generally equivalent to the difference between the two to that product for so long as such conditions make it necessary.
- (ii) When an individual parcel of any product in the Schedule originated in and was consigned from either Australia, or Canada, or the Argentine Republic or the United States of America as the case may be and the price paid for that parcel, together with any customs duty chargeable and any levy applicable under sub-paragraph (i) above is less than the appropriate minimum price, a levy equal to the difference between the two may be applied.

In the circumstances described in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) above such levies may be applied by the Government of the United Kingdom notwithstanding their commitments to the Governments concerned with respect to the products listed in the Schedule, as specified in Schedule XIX annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,¹ and in the case of the Government of Australia under the Trade Agreement of 1957² between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Australia, in the case of the Government of Canada under the relevant provisions of the Exchange of Letters of 30th October 1947, between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Canada relating to the Trade Agreement of 1937,³ and in the case of the Argentine Republic under the Trade Agreement of 1936. It is also the intention of the Government of the United Kingdom that in the implementation of these arrange-

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 1 to 8, as well as annex A in volumes 609, 620 to 629, 640, 651, 661 to 665, and 668.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 265, p. 197.

³ *British and Foreign State Papers*, vol. 141, p. 243.

ments suitable provision shall be made to avoid prejudice to normal trade practices of forward contracting.

(3) The Government of the United Kingdom shall review the minimum import price arrangements before the beginning of each crop year commencing on 1st July or on request during a crop year, in consultation with the Governments of Australia, Canada, the Argentine Republic and the United States of America, and other Governments co-operating in the operation and observance of the United Kingdom's minimum import price system. If it is found as a result of a review of the minimum import price arrangements that they have resulted in an appreciable distortion of the pattern of trade in the products which the Schedule to this Annex covers between co-operating Governments supplying the United Kingdom and in consequence have damaged or threaten to damage the trade interests of the Government of Australia, or of Canada, or of the Argentine Republic, or of the United States of America as the case may be, the Government of the United Kingdom shall take effective corrective action in consultation with those Governments and other co-operating Governments and in accordance with the procedures outlined in paragraph (1) to remedy the situation.

(4) It is the intention of the Government of the United Kingdom so to operate the minimum import price system that it will not result in an impairment of the benefits enjoyed by preferential suppliers from their existing preferences in the United Kingdom market. Moreover in the case of wheat flour it is the intention of the Government of the United Kingdom not to provide under minimum price arrangements any additional advantages to millers in co-operating countries or in the United Kingdom. If it is found that either of these intentions is not fulfilled or threatens not to be fulfilled, the Government of the United Kingdom shall take effective corrective action after consultation with the co-operating Governments.

(5) In the light of all these considerations it is the understanding of the Government of the United Kingdom that the Governments of Australia, Canada, the Argentine Republic and the United States of America will co-operate so far as practicable in the operation and observance of minimum import prices prescribed for the products covered in the Schedule to this Annex subject to the provisions set out herein.

(6) Consultations regarding the operation of this Annex may be held at any time at the request of the Government of the United Kingdom, or of Australia, or of Canada, or of the Argentine Republic, or of the United States of America.

SCHEDULE

COMMODITIES SPECIFIED

<i>Tariff heading</i>	<i>Description</i>
B.N. 10.01	Wheat and meslin
B.N. 10.03	Barley
B.N. 10.04	Oats
Ex B.N. 10.05	Maize other than sweet corn on the cob
Ex B.N. 10.07	Grain sorghum
Ex B.N. 11.01	Cereal flours other than rice flour

<i>Tariff heading</i>	<i>Description</i>
Ex B.N. 11.02	Cereal groats, cereal meals, other worked cereals and germs of cereals other than : (a) rice groats, rice meal, germ of rice and other worked rice; (b) blocked, pot and pearled barley
Ex B.N. 23.02	Bran, sharps and other residues derived from the sifting, milling or working of cereals other than of rice
Ex B.N. 23.07	Preparations of bran, sharps and other residues derived from the sifting, milling or working of cereals other than of rice

[SPANISH TEXT — TEXTE ESPAGNOL]

A N E X O

(1) Los cereales, los productos y los subproductos de cereales para los cuales el Gobierno del Reino Unido ha especificado inicialmente y se propone continuar especificando los precios mínimos de importación se establecen en el Apéndice a este Anexo. Con respecto a los precios mínimos de importación actualmente en vigencia, que se establecen en los correspondientes Instrumentos Estatutarios del Reino Unido, (S.I. 1964, No. 687, modificados por S.I. 1964, No. 990, S.I. 1965, No. 5 y S.I. 1965, No. 1578) el Gobierno del Reino Unido ha consultado con los Gobiernos de Australia, Canadá, la República Argentina, y los Estados Unidos de América, y queda entendido que estos precios son aceptables a estos Gobiernos. Todo cambio subsiguiente será cuestión de una consulta conjunta entre el Gobierno del Reino Unido y los Gobiernos de Australia, Canadá, la República Argentina y los Estados Unidos de América y con respecto a cualesquiera cambios que afecten los intereses particulares de cualquiera de esos Gobiernos, el Gobierno del Reino Unido buscará el acuerdo de ese Gobierno. Además, el Gobierno del Reino Unido no introducirá ningún cambio importante en el nivel general de los precios mínimos de importación, salvo previo acuerdo con los Gobiernos de Australia, Canadá, la República Argentina, y los Estados Unidos de América.

(2) El Gobierno del Reino Unido adoptará medidas para mantener los niveles de los precios mínimos de importación prescriptos mediante gravámenes a las importaciones en la medida necesaria para ese fin. El Gobierno del Reino Unido eximirá de gravámenes todas las importaciones de productos que figuran en el Apéndice adjunto que tengan origen en y fueran consignadas desde Australia, Canadá, la República Argentina o los Estados de América, según el caso, al Reino Unido excepto en las siguientes circunstancias:

(i) Cuando el nivel general de precios de oferta al mercado del Reino Unido desde Australia, Canadá, la República Argentina o los Estados Unidos de América, según el caso, para cualquier producto mencionado en el Apéndice esté (previo cálculo de cualesquiera derechos aduaneros imponibles), por debajo del apropiado precio mínimo de importación prescripto para dicho producto, el Gobierno del Reino Unido podrá, previa notificación al Gobierno correspondiente, aplicar un gravamen, generalmente equivalente a la diferencia entre los dos, a dicho producto durante el tiempo que tales condiciones lo exijan.