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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

**Long Term Trade Agreement. Signed at Moscow on 3 June
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Authentic texts: English and Russian.

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES
SOVIÉTIQUES**

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LONG TERM TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

noting with satisfaction the considerable expansion of trade between their two countries, attained on the basis of the Five-Year Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics done at Moscow on 24 May, 1959,² prolonged by the Protocol done at London on 23 April, 1964,³ for the following five-year period;

considering that there are favourable possibilities for further development of trade to the advantage of both countries;

desiring to contribute to the maximum utilisation of these possibilities; have agreed as follows :

Article 1

(1) The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Soviet Union have as their objective a continuing increase in trade between the two countries over the period of this Agreement both in goods which have traditionally been exchanged between them and in new ones.

(2) To this end both Governments shall, within the scope of the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries, facilitate the exchange of goods and services between the two countries on a mutually advantageous basis, subject to the essential security interests of each country.

Article 2

Both Governments shall encourage and facilitate the conclusion of agreements, including long-term agreements, on a commercial basis between firms or groups of firms in the United Kingdom on the one hand and the Soviet Foreign Trade Organisations on the other, particularly with the purpose of co-operating in the development of the productive capacities of the two countries.

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1969, in accordance with article 10.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 374, p. 305.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 539, p. 360.

Article 3

(1) The Government of the United Kingdom expect that the open import licensing arrangements in force will facilitate imports on normal commercial terms from the Soviet Union and look forward to the possibility of progressively reducing during the period of this Agreement restrictions on other imports from the Soviet Union.

(2) The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Soviet Union shall arrange for the Board of Trade in the United Kingdom and the Trade Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the United Kingdom respectively to establish by mutual agreement and in a spirit of friendly understanding an appropriate basis for the import into the United Kingdom of goods not covered by open licensing arrangements.

Article 4

The Government of the Soviet Union expect that the Soviet Foreign Trade Organisations will place, on normal commercial conditions, substantial orders in the United Kingdom for a wide range of machinery, plant and equipment, as well as industrial products and raw materials.

Article 5

Both Governments shall further facilitate an increase in the exchange of consumer goods between the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union.

Article 6

Representatives of the two Governments shall meet once a year (or more frequently on the proposal of one of them) to examine the carrying out of the provisions of this Agreement and if necessary to prepare recommendations to one or both of the Governments for the further improvement of trade relations between the two countries. The meetings of representatives referred to in this Article shall normally take place alternately in London and Moscow.

Article 7

The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Soviet Union shall continue to allow the ships of both countries to participate in the trade between the two countries and to follow the principle of free and fair competition in international shipping.

Article 8

The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Soviet Union shall permit their organisations or business concerns to make available industrial and technical information to organisations or business concerns in the other's country subject to the relevant legal and administrative requirements of the country providing such information and in accordance with normal commercial practice.

Article 9

The two Governments shall resume negotiations for the conclusion of a Treaty of Commerce between the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union which shall replace the Temporary Commercial Agreement between the two countries of 16th February, 1934.¹

Article 10

This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 July, 1969, and shall remain in force until 31 December, 1975. Thereafter, it shall be automatically extended from year to year unless one of the Governments gives to the other in writing a notice of its intention to terminate it three months before its expiry on 31 December, 1975, or after that date three months before the end of any subsequent annual period of its operation.

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

DONE in duplicate at Moscow on 3 June, 1969, in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

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

Anthony CROSLAND

For the Government
of the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics :

N. PATOLICHEV

¹ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. CXLIX, p. 445.