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**AUSTRALIA  
and  
YUGOSLAVIA**

**Trade Agreement (with exchanges of letters). Signed at  
Belgrade on 21 July 1970**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered by Australia on 13 January 1972.*

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**Accord commercial (avec échanges de lettres). Signé à  
Belgrade le 21 juillet 1970**

*Texte authentique: anglais.*

*Enregistré par l'Australie le 13 janvier 1972.*

TRADE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUB-  
LIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

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The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, and the Govern-  
ment of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations existing between the two  
countries by promoting and encouraging the development of mutual trade  
and facilitating economic co-operation between enterprises in the two  
countries,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article I*

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 importa-  
tion or exportation, and with respect to all internal taxes or other internal  
charges of any kind that may be imposed on goods already imported and  
cleared through customs.

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

1. No prohibitions or restrictions, whether in the form of quotas,  
import or export licences, foreign exchange controls, regulations or any  
other measures, shall be instituted or maintained by either Contracting Party

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 10 May 1971, the date on which the Contracting Parties exchanged notes notify-  
ing each other that their respective constitutional and other requirements had been complied with, in  
accordance with article IX (1).

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 provision 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 III*

The provisions of Articles I and II of this Agreement shall not apply to :

- (a) advantages accorded by either Contracting Party to contiguous countries for the purpose of facilitating frontier traffic ;
- (b) tariff preferences or other advantages accorded by either Contracting Party to any third country or any territory which are and may in the future be not inconsistent with the obligations of either Contracting Party under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,<sup>1</sup> or which conform to any international agreement concluded under the auspices of the United Nations, including preferences and advantages resulting from the association of either Contracting Party in a customs union or free trade area ;

### *Article IV*

Both Contracting Parties shall, subject to the laws and regulations in force from time to time in their respective countries, exempt from the payment of import duty articles for display at fairs and exhibitions as well as samples of goods for advertising purposes, imported from the territory of the other Contracting Party. Such articles and samples shall not be disposed of in the country into which they are imported without the prior permission of the competent authorities of that country and the payment of the appropriate import duty, if any.

### *Article V*

The Contracting Parties shall encourage efforts on the part of enterprises in the two countries to promote and develop economic and technical co-operation between enterprises in the two countries.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 1 to 9, as well as annex A in volumes 651, 661 to 665, 668, 690, 699, 735, 737, 738, 741, 753, 759, 761 to 763, 771, 779, 788, 797 and 798.

*Article VI*

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 VII*

All payments resulting from this Agreement shall be effected in convertible currency.

*Article VIII*

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

*Article IX*

1. This Agreement shall come into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties exchange notes notifying each other that their respective constitutional and other requirements necessary to give effect to the Agreement have been complied with.

2. Thereafter the Agreement shall remain in force for ninety days after the day on which either Contracting Party receives from the other a written notice of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

3. The Contracting Parties may at any time agree to revise or amend this Agreement and amendments so agreed shall be recorded in notes exchanged between them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective representatives, duly authorised for the purpose, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Beograd on this 21st day of July, 1970 in two originals in the English language, both of which shall be equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the Commonwealth of Australia:

[Signed]

J. MCEWEN

For the Government  
of the Socialist Federal Republic  
of Yugoslavia:

[Signed]

M. PAVICEVIC

## EXCHANGES OF LETTERS

I, *a*

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Belgrade, July 21, 1970

Mr. Vice-President,

I wish to confirm earlier assurances given by Australian officials to Yugoslav officials that the nationality of merchant vessels registered in Yugoslavia and their tonnages insofar as the Commonwealth has jurisdiction are, in Australian ports, granted recognition upon presentation of documents and certificates issued by the competent authorities in conformity with the legislation in force in Yugoslavia, and that Yugoslav merchant ships and their masters, crews and cargoes are accorded treatment in the use of the ports of Australia and of their facilities equal to that accorded to merchant ships of any other non-Commonwealth country.

I would appreciate your confirmation that Australian merchant ships and their masters, crews and cargoes are accorded treatment in the ports of Yugoslavia equal to that accorded to merchant ships of any other country.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

J. MCEWEN

His Excellency Mr. M. Pavicevic  
Vice-President of the Federal Executive Council  
of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia  
Belgrade

II, *a*

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE SFRY  
BELGRADE

Belgrade, July 21, 1970

Mr. Deputy Prime Minister,

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

[See letter I, a]

I have the honour to confirm that the foregoing represents our mutual understanding.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

M. PAVICEVIC

His Excellency the Rt. Hon. J. McEwen, C.H., M.P.  
Deputy Prime Minister of the Government  
of the Commonwealth of Australia

I, *b*

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Belgrade, July 21, 1970

Mr. Vice-President,

With reference to the Trade Agreement between the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia signed today, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the provisions of this Agreement shall not apply to any of the external territories administered by the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia nor to any advantages which are accorded or which may be accorded hereafter between the external territories and the metropolitan territory of Australia.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to confirm the foregoing understanding on behalf of your Government.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

J. MCEWEN

His Excellency Mr. M. Pavicevic  
Vice-President of the Federal Executive Council  
of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia  
Belgrade

## II, b

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE SFRY  
BELGRADE

Belgrade, July 21, 1970

Mr. Deputy Prime Minister,

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

[See letter I, b]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the SFRY is in entire agreement with this proposal, and that your letter together with this reply shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

M. PAVICEVIC

His Excellency the Rt. Hon. J. McEwen, C.H., M.P.  
Deputy Prime Minister of the Government  
of the Commonwealth of Australia

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