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and
BULGARIA**

**Trade Agreement (with schedules). Signed at Sofia on
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**Accord commercial (avec listes). Signé à Sofia le 5 décembre
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TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

The Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria,

Recognizing the trading relationship that has developed since the signing of the Trade Agreement concluded between them on 22 June 1966,² and

Desiring to encourage the further development of trade between the two countries by the conclusion of a new Trade Agreement,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. The two Governments shall take all appropriate measures to facilitate, strengthen and diversify trade between their two countries in respect of both traditional and potential exports with the aim of achieving a continuing expansion of mutually beneficial trade.

Article II. The two Governments shall grant each other most favoured nation treatment in all respects concerning customs duties, internal taxes or other charges imposed on or in connection with imported goods, customs and other related formalities, regulations and procedures, in the issue of import and export licences and any provision of foreign exchange connected therewith.

Article III. The provisions of Article II of this Agreement shall not apply to preferences or advantages accorded by either Government under an established preference system or in accordance with any agreement or arrangement constituting or leading to the establishment of a free trade area or a customs union; or accorded to other countries in order to facilitate frontier traffic.

Article IV. The Government of Australia will bring to the notice of Australian firms and organisations the interest of foreign trade organisations in the People's Republic of Bulgaria in exporting goods and services to Australia, particularly the goods listed in Schedule A annexed to this Agreement.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria will bring to the notice of Bulgarian foreign trade organisations the interest of Australian firms and organisations in exporting goods and services to the People's Republic of Bulgaria, particularly the goods listed in Schedule B annexed to this Agreement.

The provisions of this Article do not imply any undertaking to supply or commitment to purchase goods listed in the respective Schedules, nor do they imply that the desire of the two Governments for an increase in trade applies only to the goods listed in the Schedules.

The Schedules may be revised by arrangement between the two Governments.

Article V. To advance the objectives of Article I of this Agreement, the two Governments:

¹ Came into force on 5 December 1974 by signature, in accordance with article XIII.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 607, p. 69.

- a) shall encourage and facilitate the establishment and development of commercial links and the negotiation of commercial contracts between the relevant commercial enterprises and organisations of their two countries;
- b) declare their support in principle for mutually beneficial long term commercial arrangements relating to the supply and purchase of goods and services and shall encourage the relevant commercial enterprises and organisations of their two countries to explore the scope for such commercial arrangements and, where appropriate, to conclude such arrangements.

Article VI. In order to further the objectives of this Agreement, each Government will encourage and facilitate:

- a) the interchange of commercial and technical representatives, groups and delegations between the two countries;
- b) the holding of, and participation in, trade fairs, trade exhibitions and other promotion activities in the fields of trade and technology in its country by enterprises and organisations from the other country.

Article VII. Each Government shall, in accordance with the existing laws and regulations of its country, exempt from the payment of import duties and taxes articles for display at fairs and exhibitions as well as samples of goods for advertising purposes imported from the country of the other. Such articles and samples shall not be disposed of in the country into which they are imported without the prior approval of the competent authorities of that country and the payment of the appropriate import duties and taxes, if any.

Article VIII. The two Governments shall, as appropriate, encourage and facilitate the development, subject to the existing laws and regulations of each country, of industrial and technical co-operation between relevant enterprises and organisations in their respective countries.

The two Governments will examine possible areas of co-operation, taking into account the opportunities existing in each field and the stage of development of the relevant industries in the two countries, and particularly those which offer prospects for the development of commercial exchanges.

The decisions to enter into individual co-operation projects and the contractual arrangements for their implementation shall be the responsibility of the participating enterprises and organisations.

Article IX. All payments arising from trade between Australia and the People's Republic of Bulgaria shall be effected in convertible currency in accordance with the foreign exchange regulations in force in the two countries.

Article X. For the purpose of promoting the aims of this Agreement, a Mixed Commission which will consist of representatives designated by the respective Governments is hereby established.

The Commission shall meet once in every two years, or as otherwise agreed, alternately in Australia and the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

The Commission will examine the state of trade between the two countries, will explore measures for the expansion of mutual trade and of industrial and technical co-operation between relevant commercial enterprises and organisations, and will seek solutions to problems which may arise in the course of the development of trading relations between the two countries.

The Commission may submit to the two Governments recommendations arising out of the functions assigned to it under this Article.

Article XI. The two Governments shall support in principle the conclusion of international commodity agreements designed to improve the conditions of international commodity trade in products of interest to them.

Article XII. The provisions of this Agreement shall not apply to measures taken by either Government to safeguard its national security or human, animal or plant life or health or to exercise its rights and obligations under international commodity agreements, or to give effect to tariff preferences accorded by either Government to developing countries consistently with internationally accepted criteria.

Article XIII. This Agreement, which will terminate and replace the Trade Agreement of 22 June 1966, shall enter into force on the day of its signature and remain in force for an initial period of five years. Thereafter it shall remain in force until the expiration of ninety days from the date on which one Government receives from the other Government written notice of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

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

DONE at Sofia this fifth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four in duplicate in the English and Bulgarian languages both of which shall be equally authentic.

For the Government
of Australia:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of the People's Republic of Bulgaria:

[Signed — Signé]²

SCHEDULE A

BULGARIAN COMMODITY LIST

- Cheese, fetta type
- Preserved fruit and vegetables
- Processed foodstuffs, other
- Alcoholic beverages
- Cigarettes, tobacco and tobacco products
- Antibiotics
- Other pharmaceutical goods
- Essential oils and essences
- Souvenirs
- Ferrous and non-ferrous metals
- Electronic calculating components
- Electrical machinery and apparatus including motors, transformers, accumulators and insulators
- Electric hoists
- Load-elevating electric magnets

¹ Signed by Malcolm Booker — Signé par Malcolm Booker.

² Signed by Loukanov — Signé par Loukanov.

- Metal-working machines
- Wood-working machines
- Battery trucks
- Garage equipment
- Chemicals
- Chemical fertilizers
- Medical-instrumental equipment
- Pharmaceutical equipment
- Portable typewriters
- Bearings
- Thick sheet iron
- Pressed glassware
- Plant for the food, textile, building and mining industries
- Ceramic tiles, floor and wall

SCHEDULE B

AUSTRALIAN COMMODITY LIST

- Breeding animals (other than merino sheep)
- Meat
- Dairy products
- Grains
- Fruit and vegetables, fresh, canned and dried
- Wine
- Cotton
- Tallow
- Wool and wool tops
- Hides and skins
- Leather and leather goods
- Minerals and metals
- Preparations for plant and animal protection
- Abrasive products
- Agricultural machinery and implements
- Irrigation equipment
- Food processing machinery
- Automotive parts and accessories and servicing equipment
- Hotel, catering and other tourist equipment
- Electrical and electronic equipment, including telecommunications equipment
- Building construction machinery and equipment
- Optical, surgical and scientific equipment
- Testing and analytical appliances
- Industrial safety equipment
- Measuring and cutting machinery
- Earthmoving and excavating equipment
- Light aircraft, especially for agriculture
- Aircraft landing aids