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and
ROMANIA**

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et
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**Protocole entre le Département de l'agriculture des États-
Unis d'Amérique et le Ministère de l'agriculture et des
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PROTOCOL¹ ON DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA

The Department of Agriculture of the United States of America and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Socialist Republic of Romania, having in mind:

The principles and provisions set forth in the Joint Statement of the Presidents of the two countries signed in Washington on December 5, 1973² and the U.S.-Romanian Joint Statement on Economic, Industrial and Technological Cooperation issued in Washington on December 5, 1973,³

The possibilities inherent in the agriculture of both countries for the further development of bilateral relationships between the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Romania in the field of agriculture, and the important contributions to the liberalization of international trade which both countries can make,

The traditional importance of agriculture in American-Romanian trade both in imports and exports, and the desire of both countries to expand this trade for the mutual benefit of their economies,

Agreed on the following:

Article I. To ensure harmonious development of trade in agricultural products, and to further the objectives of the U.S.-Romanian Joint Statement of December 5, 1973, on Economic, Industrial and Technological Cooperation, the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America (hereinafter "the Department") and the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry (hereinafter "the Ministry") will exchange on a regular basis agricultural economic information, including stocks and forward estimates on supply and demand, and trade in major agricultural commodities for their countries and for world trade in these commodities.

Article II. By November of each year the Ministry will provide the Department with a list of agricultural commodities and their quantities which Romania intends to import for its own needs from the United States for the following year and will inform the Department of significant changes in planned imports from the United States when and if these occur. As crop information becomes available during the growing and harvest season, the Department will provide the Ministry with estimates of United States and world market demand and export availabilities for agricultural commodities.

The Department will provide marketing information when requested by the Ministry for products for which there are potential export opportunities in the United States market.

¹ Came into force on 11 September 1975 by signature, in accordance with article IX.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 938, p. 457.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1020, No. 1-14970.

Subject to availabilities the Department will endeavor to assure that Romanian foreign trade enterprises can purchase commodities in the United States market, at a minimum, in the quantities specified in the current version of the list to be provided by the Ministry.

Article III. On the basis of most-favored-nation treatment accorded to Romania by the United States under the U.S.-Romanian Trade Agreement, the Department will take into consideration applications for CCC credits for exports to Romania under the criteria then being applied in determining the availability of CCC credit, consistent with applicable provisions of law.

Article IV. To introduce more stability into commodity markets, the parties will encourage the conclusion of long-term purchasing arrangements between private exporters in the United States of agricultural commodities and Romanian foreign trade enterprises. Exports to Romania under such arrangements will be in accordance with the provisions of article II of this Protocol.

Article V. Taking into account the importance of the volume and growth of two-way agricultural trade to both countries, the parties declare their determination to facilitate bilateral trade in agricultural products.

Consistent with its domestic legal provisions and the U.S.-Romanian Trade Agreement, each party reaffirms the desirability of according agricultural imports from the other most-favored-nation treatment under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.¹

Article VI. The Department recognizes that Romania, as a developing country, may be eligible for tariff treatment accorded to developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences of the United States.

Article VII. In order to promote further mutually beneficial trade, a permanent Working Group on Agricultural Cooperation and Trade will be established within the framework of the U.S.-Romanian Joint Economic Commission. This Working Group will meet not less than once a year for consultations on agricultural trade between the United States and Romania and on the state of the international agricultural economy and for the functions set forth in the Protocol on Cooperation in Agriculture between the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Socialist Republic of Romania signed in Washington September 11, 1975.²

Article VIII. The parties support the Tokyo Declaration on the multilateral trade negotiations and declare that nothing in this Protocol shall prejudice or modify existing undertakings by either country under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade or its domestic legislation.

Article IX. This Protocol comes into force when signed and will remain in force for five years.

Unless terminated earlier by mutual agreement or unless one of the parties notifies the other of its intention to terminate the Protocol at least six months before

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187.

² See p. 3 of this volume.

its expiration, this Protocol will be automatically extended for an additional five years.

In the event of termination of this Protocol, arrangements would be made for completion of activities already underway under this Protocol.

CONCLUDED in Washington, September 11, 1975, in two copies in the English and Romanian languages, both texts having equal validity.

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[Signed]
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Secretary
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Republic of Romania:

[Signed]
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