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**IRELAND
and
CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

**Trade Agreement (with exchange of letters). Signed at
Dublin on 14 December 1972**

Authentic texts of the Agreement: English and Czech.

Authentic text of the exchange of letters: English.

Registered by Ireland on 3 March 1977.

**IRLANDE
et
TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE**

**Accord commercial (avec échange de lettres). Signé à
Dublin le 14 décembre 1972**

Textes authentiques de l'Accord : anglais et tchèque.

Texte authentique de l'échange de lettres : anglais.

Enregistré par l'Irlande le 3 mars 1977.

TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN IRELAND AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

Ireland and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic,

Desiring to achieve, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, a harmonious development of trade between the two countries at the highest possible level, and

Having regard to the objectives of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,² to which both countries are contracting parties,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The exchange of goods between the two countries shall be effected in accordance with the rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Article 2. The two Contracting Parties shall endeavour to create the conditions for a continuing increase in trade between the two countries both in goods which have traditionally been exchanged between them and in new ones and for improving the structure of that trade.

Article 3. Trade between the two countries shall be conducted on the basis of contracts concluded between Czechoslovak legal bodies authorised under Czechoslovak law to carry on foreign trade on the one hand and physical and legal persons in Ireland on the other.

Article 4. Representatives of the two Contracting Parties shall meet once a year alternately in Dublin and in Prague, to examine jointly trade between the two countries in the preceding year and to review progress in the implementation of this Agreement. They will examine the possibility of removing any obstacles which may have arisen in trade between the two countries and they will consider what arrangements it may be necessary to make for the succeeding year. Further meetings of representatives of the two Contracting Parties shall take place at the request of either Contracting Party not later than 30 days from the date of the receipt of such request.

Article 5. Payments in respect of trade between the two countries shall be effected in any freely convertible currency agreed by the parties to the contract.

Article 6. 1. The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force thereafter until 31st December, 1974.

2. The expiration of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of contracts concluded between the respective organisations and corporations in the two countries.

3. The two Contracting Parties reserve the right to hold consultations in regard to this Agreement in the light of their respective international obligations without such consultations, however, involving the fundamental objectives of the Agreement.

¹ Came into force on 14 December 1972 by signature, in accordance with article 6 (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement and affixed hereunto their seals.

DONE in Dublin, this 14th day of December, 1972, in two original copies, in the Czech and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For Ireland:

P. J. HILLERY

For the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic:

J. KELLER

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

I

*From the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland
to the Leader of the Czechoslovak Delegation*

Dublin, 14th December, 1972

Dear Mr. Keller,

During the negotiations leading to the conclusion of the Trade Agreement between Ireland and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic signed today, the question of improving the structure of trade between the two countries was discussed.

In this connection I have the honour to inform you that goods of the kind described in the List annexed to this letter are now available for export from Ireland and that it is the understanding of my Government that this information will be brought to the attention of the appropriate Czechoslovak organisations.

Please accept, Mr. Keller, the assurances of my highest consideration.

P. J. HILLERY

GOODS AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT FROM IRELAND

1. Live animals and cattle semen.
2. Meat and meat products.
3. Wool, hides and skins.
4. Dairy products and milk-based animal foods.
5. Fish and fish products.
6. Potatoes for sowing.
7. Other food products.
8. Beer, whiskey and other drinks.
9. Textile products—yarns, fabrics, knitted goods, clothing, carpets, ropes and twines.
10. Paper and paper products.
11. Leather and footwear.
12. Ores, concentrates, metals and metal products.
13. Building materials—PVC pipes and fittings, and veneers.
14. Refractory materials—powders for furnace maintenance.
15. Machinery—cranes, building machinery and accessories; agricultural machinery; paper-making machinery; drilling equipment, screens and pumps, compressors.
16. Electronic equipment and telecommunications.
17. Automobile components and garage equipment.
18. Pollution measuring and monitoring equipment.
19. Automatic analysing equipment.
20. Wire and wire products.
21. Cleaning and maintenance equipment.
22. Precision tools and appliances; measuring devices; tooling for machine tools; components and tooling for ball bearings.
23. Hospital and medical equipment.
24. Laboratory equipment and instruments.
25. Pharmaceuticals.
26. Industrial sealants and adhesives.
27. Ships and boats.

28. Car tyres and tubes, truck, bus, tractor tyres, solid rubber tyres.
29. Household appliances and utensils.
30. Sporting goods.
31. Razor blades; spectacle frames; stationery and view cards.
32. Miscellaneous goods.

II

*From the Leader of the Czechoslovak Delegation
to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland*

Dublin, 14th December, 1972

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of to-day's date reading as follows:

[See letter I]

I have the honour to confirm that the above information will be brought to the attention of the appropriate Czechoslovak organisations.

I assure you, Excellency, of my highest consideration.

J. KELLER