

No. 16603

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC**

Agreement for the sale of agricultural commodities (with minutes of negotiations). Signed at Damascus on 20 April 1976

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement amending the above-mentioned Agreement. Damascus, 11 and 16 May 1976

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement amending the above-mentioned Agreement of 20 April 1976, as amended. Damascus, 2 and 3 June 1976

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement amending the above-mentioned Agreement of 20 April 1976, as amended. Damascus, 28 and 29 September 1976

Authentic texts of the Agreement: English and Arabic.

Authentic text of the Exchanges of letters: English.

Registered by the United States of America on 27 April 1978.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC FOR THE SALE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic have agreed to the sales of agricultural commodities specified below. This agreement shall consist of the preamble, Parts I and III of the Title I Agreement signed on November 20, 1974,² together with the following Part II:

PART II. PARTICULAR PROVISIONS

Item I. COMMODITY TABLE

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Supply Period (U.S. Fiscal Year)</i>	<i>Approximate Maximum Quantity (Metric Tons)</i>	<i>Maximum Export Market Value (Millions)</i>
Rice	1976	50,000	\$11.9

Item II. PAYMENT TERMS

Dollar Credit

- A. Initial payment — Five percent.
- B. Currency Use Payment — Two percent, to be used for Section 104 (A) purposes.
- C. Number of Installment Payments — 19.
- D. Amount of Each Installment Payment Balance Payable — Approximately equal annual amounts.
- E. Due Date of First Installment Payment — Two years after date of last delivery of commodities in each calendar year.
- F. Initial Interest Rate — Two percent.
- G. Continuing Interest Rate — Three percent.

Item III. USUAL MARKETING TABLE

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Import Period (U.S. Fiscal Year)</i>	<i>Usual Marketing Requirements (Metric Tons)</i>
Rice	1976	30,000

Item IV. EXPORT LIMITATIONS

A. The export limitation period shall be United States Fiscal Year 1976 or any subsequent United States Fiscal Year during which commodities financed under this agreement are being imported or utilized.

¹ Came into force on 20 April 1976 by signature, in accordance with part III(A).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1006, p. 57.

B. For the purpose of Part I, Article III, A4, of the agreement, the commodities which may not be exported are for rice—rice in the form of paddy brown or milled, except for aromatic (Basmati Type) rice.

Item V. SELF-HELP MEASURES

A. In implementing these self-help measures specific emphasis will be placed on contributing directly to development progress in poor rural areas and on enabling the poor to participate actively in increasing agricultural production through small farm agriculture.

B. The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic agrees to:

1. give high priority to the agricultural development portion of the annual budget with emphasis on increased production of food crops and livestock for domestic consumption;
2. emphasize internal agricultural marketing and distribution systems to assure adequate supplies in all parts of the country;
3. identify needs for increased storage facilities and develop plans to meet any needs;
4. accelerate applied research on food crops and livestock, and disseminate information for better crop, livestock, and soil management practices;
5. strengthen systems for collection, computation and analysis of agricultural statistics including import, export and other related trade data used in determining production and marketing policies;
6. further strengthen its agricultural education and training institutions and to develop the administrative arrangements to channel graduates into agriculture;
7. expand and improve the area under irrigation and to intensify the production of food crops on these lands.

Item VI. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES FOR WHICH PROCEEDS ACCRUING TO IMPORTING COUNTRY ARE TO BE USED

A. The proceeds accruing to the importing country from the sale of commodities financed under this agreement will be used for financing the self-help measures set forth in the agreement and for agricultural and economic development purposes.

B. In the use of proceeds for these purposes, emphasis will be placed on directly improving the lives of the poorest of the recipient country's people and their capacity to participate in the development of their country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective representatives, duly authorized for the purpose, have signed the present agreement.

DONE at Damascus, in duplicate in the English and Arabic languages, each being equally authentic, this 20th day of April, 1976.

For the Government
of the United States of America:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of the Syrian Arab Republic:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Richard W. Murphy — Signé par Richard W. Murphy.

² Signed by M. Imady — Signé par M. Imady.

MINUTES OF TITLE I, P. L. 480 NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS

Representatives of the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and of the Government of the United States of America conducted negotiations leading to the Agricultural Commodities Sales Agreement signed April 20, 1976, in Damascus during three sessions on March 30, April 1, and April 19, 1976.

The representative of the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic was:
Mr. Salem Haddad, Director General, TAFCO.

The representative of the Government of the United States was:
Mr. Shackford Pitcher, Agricultural Attaché.

The representatives of the two governments discussed in detail the provisions of the proposed agreement. The U. S. representative further indicated that:

1. Purchase authorizations issued under this agreement will contain the requirement that invitations for bids for both commodity and freight must be submitted to the Foreign Agricultural Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., for review and approval prior to their release to prospective bidders.
2. The American representative acknowledged thanks for the timely submission of reports required under the first agreement, and advised the Syrian representative of the responsibilities for continued submission of timely reports on compliance, arrival and shipping information, self-help and financial use of sales proceeds.
3. All purchasing of commodities under this agreement must be done by invitation for competitive bids conducted in the United States, with public opening of bids and awards to be made to the lowest bidders responsive to the terms of the tender. Freight tenders must also be conducted in the United States.
4. The American Representative notified the Syrian Representative that there is a shortfall in the Fiscal Year 1975 wheat usual marketing requirement (UMR) which must be fulfilled in order to prevent future Title I programming problems.

For the Government
of the United States of America:

[Signed]

SHACKFORD PITCHER
Agricultural Attaché

For the Government
of the Syrian Arab Republic:

[Signed]

SALEM HADDAD
Director General, TAFCO

Damascus, April 20, 1976.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC AMENDING THE AGREEMENT OF
20 APRIL 1976² FOR THE SALE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMOD-
ITIES

I

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DAMASCUS, S.A.R.

May 11, 1976

Dear Mr. Minister:

I have the honor to refer to the Public Law, Title I Agricultural Sales Agreement signed by representatives of our two governments on April 20, 1976,² and to propose that the agreement be amended as follows:

(A) In Part II, Item I, Commodity Table, under column entitled "Supply Period" delete "1976" and insert "1976 plus July 1 through September 30, 1976."

(B) In Part II, Item III, Usual Marketing Table, under "Import Period" delete "1976" and insert "1976 plus July 1 through September 30, 1976."

(C) In Part II, Item IV, Export Limitations, after "Fiscal Year 1976" insert "plus July 1 through September 30, 1976."

Except as provided above, all other terms and conditions of the April 20, 1976, Title I Agreement remain unchanged.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply concurring therein constitute an agreement between our two governments, to be effective on the date of your letter in reply.

Accept, Mr. Minister, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

RICHARD W. MURPHY
Ambassador

His Excellency Dr. Mohammad al-Imadi
Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade
Damascus

¹ Came into force on 16 May 1976, the date of the letter in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

² See p. 48 of this volume.

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RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE SYRIENNE
MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉCONOMIE ET DU COMMERCE EXTÉRIEUR¹

May 16, 1976

[7945/9/1]

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to refer to the Public Law, Title I Agricultural Sales Agreement signed by representatives of our two governments on April 20, 1976, and agree to the amendment of that agreement proposed in your letter of May 11, 1976, which is as follows :

[*See letter I*]

I have the honor to reply to your letter and confirm that this reply constitutes an agreement between our two governments, to be effective on the date of my letter in reply to your letter.

Accept, Mr. Ambassador, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

[*Signed*]

MOHAMMAD AL-IMADI
Minister of Economy
and Foreign Trade

H.E. Richard W. Murphy
Ambassador of the United States of America
Embassy of the United States of America
Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

¹ Syrian Arab Republic, Ministry of Economy and Foreign Trade.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC AMENDING THE AGREEMENT OF
20 APRIL 1976, AS AMENDED,² FOR THE SALE OF AGRICUL-
TURAL COMMODITIES

I

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DAMASCUS, S.A.R.

June 2, 1976

Dear Mr. Minister:

I have the honor to refer to the Public Law, Title I Agricultural Sales Agreement signed by representatives of our two governments on April 20, 1976,² and to propose that the agreement be amended as follows:

(A) In Part II, Item I, Commodity Table, under the appropriate columns add below rice "Tobacco and/or tobacco products, U. S. Fiscal Year 1976 plus July 1 through September 30, 1976, 1,200 and \$4.3", insert "Soybean/cottonseed oil, U. S. Fiscal Year 1976 plus July 1 through September 30, 1976, 5,000 and \$3.0"; for the total value delete "\$11.9" and insert "\$19.2".

(B) In Part II, Item III, Usual Marketing Table, under the appropriate columns add below rice "Tobacco and/or tobacco products, U. S. Fiscal Year 1976 plus July 1 through September 30, 1976, 2,040 (of which 1,200 shall be imported from the U. S. A.)"; and insert "edible vegetable oil and/or bearing seeds (oil equivalent basis), U. S. Fiscal Year 1976 plus July 1 through September 30, 1976, and 2,000."

(C) In Part II, Item IV, Export Limitations, delete the language in sub-paragraph (A):

"The export limitation period shall be United States Fiscal Year 1976 or any subsequent United States Fiscal Year during which commodities financed under this agreement are being imported or utilized."

and insert new sub-paragraph language as follows:

"The export limitation period for rice shall be United States Fiscal Year 1976 plus July 1 through September 30, 1976, or any subsequent United States Fiscal Year during which commodities financed under this agreement are being imported or utilized, and for soybean/cottonseed oil and tobacco and/or tobacco products shall begin on the date the agreement is signed and continue through United States Fiscal Year 1976 plus July 1 through September 30, 1976, or any subsequent United States fiscal year during which commodities financed under this agreement are being imported or utilized."

Under sub-paragraph B, add the following to the end of the paragraph by changing the period to a semicolon and adding:

¹ Came into force on 3 June 1976, the date of the letter in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

² See pp. 48 and 57 of this volume.

“and for tobacco and/or tobacco products — none; and for soybean/cottonseed oil — all edible vegetable oils, including peanut oil, soybean oil, cottonseed oil, sunflower oil, rapeseed oil, and any other edible oil-bearing seeds from which these oils are produced, except for sesame oil and for peanuts and sesame seed exports for use other than for crushing.”

All other terms and conditions of the agreement of April 20, 1976, as amended, remain unchanged. I propose that this letter and your reply concurring therein constitute an agreement between our two governments to be effective on the date of your letter in reply.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

RICHARD W. MURPHY
Ambassador

His Excellency Dr. Mohammad al-Imadi
Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade
Damascus

II

RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE SYRIENNE
MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉCONOMIE ET DU COMMERCE EXTÉRIEUR¹

Date: June 3, 1976

Ref.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to refer to the Public Law, Title I Agricultural Sales Agreement signed by representatives of our two governments on April 20, 1976, as amended, and agree to the amendment of that agreement proposed in your letter dated June 2, 1976, which is as follows:

[See letter I]

It is my pleasure to confirm that this reply constitutes an agreement between our two governments, to be effective on the date of my letter in reply to your letter.

Accept, Mr. Ambassador, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

M. IMADY
Minister of Economy
and Foreign Trade

H.E. Richard W. Murphy
Ambassador of the United States of America
Embassy of the United States of America
Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

¹ Syrian Arab Republic, Ministry of Economy and Foreign Trade.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC AMENDING THE AGREEMENT OF
20 APRIL 1976,² AS AMENDED,³ FOR THE SALE OF AGRICUL-
TURAL COMMODITIES

I

The American Ambassador to the Syrian Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade

Damascus, S.A.R., September 28, 1976

Dear Mr. Minister:

I have the honor to refer to Public Law 480, Title I Agricultural Sales Agreement signed by representatives of our two governments on April 20, 1976,² as amended May 16 and June 3, 1976,³ respectively, and propose that the agreement be further amended as follows:

(A) Part II, Item I, Commodity Table, under Supply period column for tobacco and rice, delete "FY 1976 plus July 1 through September 30, 1976" and insert "FY 1976 plus July 1 through December 31, 1976";

(B) Part II, Item III, Usual Marketing Table, under import period column for tobacco and rice, delete "FY 1976 plus July 1 through September 30, 1976" and insert "FY 1976 plus July 1 through December 31, 1976"; and

(C) Part II, Item IV, Export Limitation, delete sub-paragraph 4 in its entirety and insert "The export limitations period for tobacco and rice should be United States fiscal year 1976 plus July 1 through December 31, 1976, and for soybean/cottonseed oil should begin on the date the agreement is signed and continue through United States fiscal year 1976 plus July 1 through September 30, 1976, or any subsequent United States fiscal year during which commodities financed under this agreement are being imported or utilized".

All other terms and conditions of the Title I Agreement of April 20, 1976, as amended, would remain unchanged. I propose this letter and your reply concurring therein constitute an agreement between our two governments to be effective on the date of your letter in reply.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

RICHARD W. MURPHY
Ambassador

His Excellency Dr. Mohammad Al-Imadi
Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade
Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

¹ Came into force on 29 September 1976, the date of the letter in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

² See p. 48 of this volume.

³ See pp. 57 and 59 of this volume.

II

RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE SYRIENNE
MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉCONOMIE ET DU COMMERCE EXTÉRIEUR¹

Damascus, 29 September 1976

Ref. [48.4/4/7]

Date

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to refer to the Public Law 480, Title I Agricultural Sales Agreement signed by representatives of our two governments on April 20, 1976, as amended May 16 and June 3, 1976, respectively, and agree to the amendment of that agreement proposed in your letter of September 28, 1976, which is as follows:

[See letter I]

Except as provided above, all other terms and conditions of the April 20, 1976, Title I Agreement remain unchanged.

I have [the] honor to reply to your letter and confirm that this reply constitutes an agreement between our two governments, to be effective on the date of my letter in reply to your letter.

Accept, Mr. Ambassador, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

MOHAMMAD AL-IMADY
Minister of Economy
and Foreign trade

H.E. Richard W. Murphy
Ambassador of the United States of America
Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

¹ Syrian Arab Republic, Ministry of Economy and Foreign Trade.