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**AUSTRALIA**  
**and**  
**UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

**Agreement on the supply of agricultural and mineral commodities from Australia to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (with attachment). Signed at Canberra on 15 February 1990**

*Authentic texts: English and Russian.*

*Registered by Australia on 30 July 1990.*

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**UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES**  
**SOCIALISTES SOVIÉTIQUES**

**Accord relatif à la fourniture par l'Australie de produits agricoles et miniers à l'Union des Républiques socialistes soviétiques (avec annexe). Signé à Canberra le 15 février 1990**

*Textes authentiques : anglais et russe.*

*Enregistré par l'Australie le 30 juillet 1990.*

## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON THE SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL AND MINERAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

The Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

Wishing to promote trade and economic co-operation between their two countries on a long-term and mutually beneficial basis in accordance with the provisions of the Trade Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics concluded on 15 October 1965<sup>2</sup> and the Agreement on the Development of Trade and Economic Relations between Australia and the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics concluded on 16 March 1973,<sup>3</sup>

Recognising the desirability of stability and security in trade between the two countries as set out in the Program for the Development of Trade and Economic Co-operation between Australia and the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics for the period 1988-1995 of 1 December 1987,

And with a view to implementing the provisions of the said Agreements and the understandings contained in the said Program and taking into consideration the signing of the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics relating to Co-operation in Fisheries done at Canberra on 15 February 1990,<sup>4</sup>

Recalling the traditional role of Australia as a supplier of agricultural products to the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics,

And recognising the opportunities for establishing new and mutually beneficial arrangements for the supply of mineral commodities to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

Have agreed as follows:

### *Article 1*

The Parties shall render assistance to suppliers and purchasers of the commodities, which are the subject of this Agreement in order to promote trade between the two countries.

### *Article 2*

Recognising that the conclusion of long-term contracts for the supply of agricultural and mineral commodities is of benefit to suppliers and also to purchasers, the Parties shall encourage and render assistance in the negotiation and conclusion of such contracts.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 15 February 1990 by signature, in accordance with article 8 (1).

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 553, p. 239.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 904, p. 135.

<sup>4</sup> See p. 99 of this volume.

*Article 3*

1. Contracts, including long-term contracts for the supply from Australia to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of agricultural and mineral commodities, shall be concluded by relevant USSR organisations and Australian organisations and firms.

2. The schedule to this Agreement:

- (a) Lists a number of commodities which Australian organisations and firms are able to supply on a long-term basis; and
- (b) Lists, where appropriate, indicative quantities which reflect the aims and intentions of both Parties in respect of supply and purchase.

*Article 4*

Australian suppliers and USSR purchasers of agricultural commodities shall consult at the initiative of the supplier or the purchaser at an appropriate time each year, or at such other times as may be provided for in contracts between them, in order to enable market assessment and planning to the mutual advantage of both countries. At those consultations, they will exchange information on likely supply capacity and on likely purchase requirements and may recommend to the Parties changes to the schedule to this Agreement.

*Article 5*

1. The Parties agree to encourage organisations and firms of both countries to develop new forms of co-operation in the area of mineral commodities productions through equity participation, and through setting up joint enterprises for the development of minerals extraction or processing facilities including facilities for bauxite and alumina, iron ore and manganese, both in the USSR and Australia.

2. The Parties reconfirm the importance of technical co-operation and exchange of mineral production technologies between the two countries.

*Article 6*

The Parties agree that the contracts provided for under this Agreement should be negotiated on a commercial basis taking into account prevailing competitive international market prices and conditions.

*Article 7*

Desirous of encouraging further expansion of future bilateral trade flows, both Parties shall take necessary steps to promote the export to Australia of USSR commodities including principally, machinery and equipment.

*Article 8*

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force for three years subject to the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics relating to Co-operation in Fisheries of 15 February 1990 being valid at the same time if Parties have not agreed otherwise.

2. During the currency of this Agreement the Parties shall, by mutual consent, hold consultations, in particular, within the framework of the USSR/Australia

Mixed Commission on Trade and Economic Co-operation, to review the progress of the implementation of this Agreement.

3. Before expiry of the validity of this Agreement the Parties shall consider the possibility of its prolongation or conclusion of a new and similar agreement with due regard to the experience of the Parties in the implementation of this Agreement, and subject to agreement between the Parties on co-operation in Fisheries being current.

*Article 9*

1. Either Party may propose amendments to this Agreement which shall enter into force when they are incorporated in an agreement by exchange of notes.

2. The Schedule attached hereto may be modified at any time by mutual consent of the Parties.

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

DONE at Canberra on this fifteenth day of February 1990 in two originals, in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of Australia:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For the Government  
of the Union of Soviet  
Socialist Republics:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Signed by Gareth Evans — Signé par Gareth Evans.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by S. A. Sitarian — Signé par S. A. Sitarian.

## ATTACHMENT TO AGREEMENT OF 15 FEBRUARY 1990

SCHEDULE. LIST OF COMMODITIES WHICH MAY BE THE SUBJECT  
OF SUPPLY FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE USSR

During the term of this Agreement the indicative quantities of the commodities outlined below shall be:

*Wheat*: 2 million tonnes over 3 years.

*Butter*: 12,500 tonnes in 1990 with indicative quantities for 1991 and 1992 to be further agreed on the basis of a total indicative figure of 37,500 tonnes over 3 years.

*Greasy wool*: 260,000 tonnes over 3 years. It is expected that by the end of 1992 all shipments will be made on the basis of certificates issued in accordance with the requirements of the International Wool Testing Organisation (IWTO).

*Sugar*: 300,000 tonnes per annum over 3 years with final quantities on sugar to be determined as per long term commercial contract.

*Manganese ore*: 300,000 tonnes over 3 years.

*Bauxite*: 300,000 tonnes per annum in 1990, 1991 and 1992.

*Alumina*: 60,000 tonnes in 1990 and 120,000 tonnes per annum for 1991 and 1992.

*Mutton*: The Soviet organisations are prepared to give Australian organisations an opportunity to supply mutton on a short or long term competitive basis in the event that Soviet organisations buy this commodity on the world market for freely convertible currency.

*Barley*: Per memoriam: see Article 4 of Agreement.

*Protein crops*: Per memoriam: see Article 4 of Agreement.