

Treaty Series No. 35 (1963)

# **Protocol**

to the

# Agreement on Agriculture

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark,
signed in London on April 8, 1960

Lisbon, May 11, 1963

[The Protocol entered into force on signature]

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PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK, SIGNED IN LONDON ON 8th APRIL, 1960

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark:

Reaffirming the aims set out in Article 22 of the Convention Establishing the European Free Trade Association (hereinafter referred to as "The Convention"),(1) and in particular the objective of facilitating an expansion of trade in agricultural goods;

Having regard to the provisions of Article 23 of the Convention and the Agreement on Agriculture concluded between the two Governments on the 8th of April, 1960 (hereinafter referred to as "The Agreement");(2)

Resolved to strengthen the co-operation between their two Governments in this field;

Desiring to amplify and supplement the provisions of the Agreement; Have agreed as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1

- (1) The Government of the United Kingdom shall from the earliest practicable date suspend the customs duty imposed under and by virtue of the Import Duties Act, 1958, on the import into the United Kingdom of butter consigned from Denmark.
- (2) The above-mentioned suspension of duty shall be subject to the provisions in Article 7 of the Convention relating to drawback.
- (3) The above-mentioned suspension of duty shall continue in force so long as quantitative import restrictions are applied in the United Kingdom to imports of butter from Denmark and other major suppliers.
- (4) Nothing in this Protocol shall require the Government of the United Kingdom to suspend the customs duty on butter which is not of Area origin in accordance with Article 4 of the Convention.
- (5) If at any time the Government of the United Kingdom decide to terminate the application of the aforesaid quantitative import restrictions the two Governments shall consult together through the machinery provided for in Article 6 of this Protocol in the light of the circumstances then prevailing, with a view to seeking mutually satisfactory solutions to any problems which may arise therefrom.
- (6) The provisions of this Article shall cease to have effect if the United Kingdom becomes a party to an international commodity agreement for regulating trade in butter.

<sup>(1) &</sup>quot;Treaty Series No. 30 (1960)", Cmnd. 1026. (2) "Treaty Series No. 31 (1960)", Cmnd. 1071.

#### ARTICLE 2

- (1) As from 31st December, 1963, the Government of the United Kingdom shall reduce and eliminate the customs duties imposed under and by virtue of the Import Duties Act, 1958, on the import into the United Kingdom of the goods listed in paragraph (4) of this Article, being goods consigned from Denmark, in accordance with the time-table set out in paragraph (3) of this Article.
- (2) As from the same date the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark shall reduce and eliminate the customs duties charged on the import into Denmark of the same goods, being goods consigned from the United Kingdom, in accordance with the same timetable.
- (3) (a) On and after each of the following dates the Contracting Governments shall not apply such duties on such goods at a level exceeding the percentage of the basic duty specified against that date:

31st December, 1963	 	 40 per cent
31st December, 1964	 	 30 per cent
31st December, 1965	 	 20 per cent

- (b) On and after 31st December, 1966, the Contracting Governments shall not apply any such duties on such goods.
- (c) For the purposes of this paragraph, "basic duty" means the duty in force on 11th May, 1963.
- (4) The goods to which paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this Article apply are:

11.07 Malt, roasted or not.

ex 16.02 Liver paste, not canned.

19.02 Preparations of flour, starch or malt extract, of a kind used as infant food or for dietetic or culinary purposes, containing less than 50 per cent by weight of cocoa.

ex 20.02 Potato crisps.

ex 21.06 Pressed yeast.

(5) The above-mentioned eliminations and reductions of duties shall apply only to goods which are of Area origin in accordance with Article 4 of the Convention and shall be subject to the provisions in Article 7 of the Convention relating to drawback.

### ARTICLE 3

The Contracting Governments reaffirm their desire for stable conditions in the bacon market and will conduct further examination and discussions with a view to reaching agreement on measures to this end.

# ARTICLE 4

The Contracting Governments agree, with reference to Article 2 of the Agreement that, should the policies adopted by the Government of the United Kingdom be found to have the effect of denying to Danish producers the opportunity to maintain their market in the United Kingdom for

commodities of concern to them, or to share in any increase in the United Kingdom market for these products, they will consult together with a view to seeking a remedy.

#### ARTICLE 5

With reference to Article 4 of the Agreement, the Government of the United Kingdom affirm that in examining whether it is in the national interest to take such action as is provided for in the Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) Act, 1957, they will have regard to the interest of their international trading partners and the close economic relationship established between the Member States of E.F.T.A. under the Convention and in particular to Article 17 of the Convention.

# ARTICLE 6

The Contracting Governments agree that an Anglo-Danish Liaison Committee shall be set up in order to keep under review questions of mutual interest relating to trade in the light of the Convention, the Agreement and the present Protocol.

# ARTICLE 7

For the purposes of the present Protocol the term "United Kingdom" means Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

## ARTICLE 8

This Protocol shall enter into force on signature and shall remain in force so long as the Anglo-Danish Agreement on Agriculture, signed at London on 8th of April, 1960, remains in force.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Protocol.

Done in duplicate at Lisbon the 11th day of May, 1963 in the English language.

For the Government of the United Kingdom Kingdom of Great Britain and of Denmark:

Northern Ireland:

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