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## GREEK PREFERENTIAL TARIFF QUOTAS TO THE USSR

The following communication, dated 17 April 1970, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of Greece.

As a result of the placing on the agenda of the meeting of the Council on 28 April of Item 8 concerning "Greek preferential tariff quotas to the USSR" I have the honour to send you herewith an unofficial French translation of the Special Protocol signed in Athens on 13 December 1969 between the delegates of the Governments of the Kingdom of Greece and the Soviet Union. Under this Agreement the products coming from USSR and listed in the table annexed to the Protocol - a copy of which is also attached - will enjoy a tariff reduction during the years 1970 and 1971.

I take the liberty to bring to your notice, for whatever useful purpose this may serve, the following points:

1. The signature of this Protocol is in accordance with Article 21 of the Agreement creating an Association between the European Economic Community and Greece, the text of which is attached and which was discussed within a GATT Working Party and at the Eleventh Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.
2. This Protocol was in response to an overriding need deriving from the unfavourable operation of bilateral trade between Greece and the Soviet Union as a result of the progressive tariff disarmament by Greece vis-à-vis the Community, following which imports of industrial products from USSR were hampered to such a point that this created a trade surplus in favour of Greece to such an extent that exports to the USSR of Greek agricultural products, in particular, tobacco, citrus fruits, etc. became more than problematic, while industrialized countries which are contracting parties to GATT have never shown any interest in such products.
3. The Protocol is intended to ensure that Greece will import Soviet products, for a total value not exceeding US\$4,252,000, representing 0.30 per cent of total Greek imports in 1968.
4. The Protocol is valid for a period which is expressly limited to the years 1970 and 1971, and can only be renewed to the extent that both parties explicitly so agree.

It follows from the foregoing that, considering the insignificant value of the imports of Soviet goods concerned and the limited assured life of the Protocol, this document cannot be considered as seriously hampering international trade.

On the other hand, account should be taken of the fact that by indirectly enabling the USSR to balance its trade exchanges with Greece, the Protocol affords an opportunity for Greece to maintain its agricultural exports to the USSR at the level which they shall have attained, whereas any decrease in such exports would be likely to affect its balance of payments.

SPECIAL PROTOCOL

The Government of the Kingdom of Greece and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, --

taking into account the fact that commercial exchanges between the two countries are conducted on the basis of a bilateral clearing system, in accordance with the trade and payments agreement concluded on 28 July 1953 between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Kingdom of Greece,

with a view to creating the most favourable conditions for the proper operation of the said agreement and likewise ensuring a balanced and mutually beneficial development of trade between the two countries,

have agreed as follows:

1. During each of the two calendar years 1970 and 1971, the products included in the list annexed to this Special Protocol shall, when manufactured in and coming from the USSR, be accorded upon importation into Greece a 50 per cent reduction in the customs duties in effect on 31 October 1962, as set forth in the Greek customs tariff, within the limits of the quotas specified in that list for each of these products.

2. This Special Protocol shall be subject to ratification by the relevant authorities of the contracting parties in accordance with their respective existing legislation.

This Special Protocol shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of notes verbales between the Governments of the two countries notifying such ratification, which shall take place not later than 31 January 1970.

3. This Special Protocol shall expire on 31 December 1971 and may be extended only with the explicit agreement of the two parties.

Done at Athens on 13 December 1969 in two original copies, in the Greek and Russian languages, both being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the Kingdom of Greece

For the Government of the  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

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APPENDIX  
to the Special Protocol of 13 December 1969

LIST OF  
Tariff Quotas Granted by Greece to the USSR

Greek tariff item No.	Description of products	Quota (US\$)
37.02	Film in rolls, sensitized, unexposed, perforated or not	50,000
82.05 I	Interchangeable tools, etc., of base metal	50,000
82.05 II	Interchangeable tools, etc., of metallic carbides	10,000
82.05 III	Interchangeable tools, etc., of diamonds or of diamond agglomerates	10,000
84.06 A1a	Spark-ignition engines, other than those falling within sub-heading C, operating on petrol, of a cylinder capacity of 220 cc. or less	50,000
84.06 D11c	Parts for the above (A1a) engines, not elsewhere specified	10,000
84.09 A	Mechanically propelled road rollers	50,000
84.11 B2	Air or gas compressors, including motor or turbo compressors, weighing more than 25 and up to 250 kgs.	50,000
84.22 B	Cranes, transporter cranes, teleferics, etc.	150,000
84.22 D1	Other lifting machinery, not having the character of vehicles falling within chapters 86, 87 and 89	15,000
84.23 A1I	Excavators, with or without grabs	100,000
84.23 A2	Boring machinery	50,000
84.23 A3	Bulldozers and similar implements, self-propelled, used for moving earth or stones or for levelling earth, stones or ground	300,000

Greek tariff item No.	Description of products	Quota (US\$)
ex 84.23 D	Parts of excavating, levelling, boring and extracting machinery	160,000
84.25 A1	Mowers and harvesters (operating in any manner)	50,000
84.25 A2	Maize-pickers, cotton-pickers, etc.	10,000
84.34 DI	Type-founding and type-setting machinery and apparatus, etc., such as monotype, linotype, etc., machines	50,000
84.34 DII	Machinery and apparatus for founding, not incorporating setting devices	5,000
84.35 A1	Printing presses - parts	18,000 2,000
84.35 AIIa	Cylinder printing machines, single-revolution - parts	18,000 2,000
84.35 AIIb	Cylinder printing machines, two-revolution - parts	18,000 2,000
84.36 I	Machines for extruding man-made fibres	20,000
84.36 II	Machines of a kind used for processing textile materials	100,000
84.37 I	Weaving machines	100,000
84.37 II	Knitting machines	40,000
84.37 III	Machines for making gimped yarn, tulle, lace, etc.	10,000
84.37 IV	Machines for preparing yarns for weaving, etc.	10,000
84.41 A	Sewing machines and furniture specially designed for sewing machines, for domestic purposes	15,000

Greek tariff item No.	Description of products	Quota (US\$)
84.41 D1	Sewing machine needles	7,000
84.41 D2	Other parts of sewing machines	8,000
84.45 AI	Lathes of all kinds	80,000
84.45 AII	Milling machines	30,000
84.45 B	Wire-drawing machines, etc.	15,000
84.45 CIII	Planing machines	15,000
84.45 CIV	Shaping machines, sawing machines, etc.	60,000
84.45 CV	Drilling and boring machines	30,000
84.45 CVIb	Other sharpening, etc. machines	20,000
84.45 CIX	Presses	15,000
84.45 CX	Coiling, bending, etc. machines	10,000
84.45 CXII	Other similar machine-tools	50,000
84.47 C	Other machine-tools for working wood, etc.	50,000
84.50 A1	Gas-operated welding, brazing, cutting, etc. appliances (hand-operated)	5,000
84.50 B	Parts of the appliances falling within sub-heading A1, and not elsewhere specified	3,000
84.62	Ball, roller or needle roller bearings	120,000
85.21 Ic	Other valves and tubes	25,000
87.01 AII	Wheeled agricultural tractors	1,000,000
87.02 A1a	Motor vehicles for the transport of persons, weighing each 800 kgs. or less	50,000

Greek tariff item No.	Description of products	Quota (US\$)
87.02 Alb	Motor vehicles for the transport of persons, weighing each more than 800 kgs. and of an f.o.b. factory value not exceeding \$1,400	300,000
87.02 ClI	Motor vehicle chassis fitted only with driving cab, for the assembly of goods vehicles, fitted with spark-ignition or compression-ignition engines	100,000
87.03	Special-purpose motor lorries and vans, such as breakdown lorries, etc.	70,000
87.06 A1	Parts and accessories for agricultural tractors	150,000
87.06 B2	Parts of motor vehicle bodies not elsewhere specified	120,000
87.06 B3	Framed windows	2,000
87.09 A1	Motorcycles of a cylinder capacity of 250 cc. or less	50,000
87.12 AI	Parts for motorcycles, such as saddles, frames, forks, etc.	10,000
87.12 AII	Parts for other vehicles (bicycles, etc.)	10,000
90.05	Refracting telescopes (monocular and binocular), prismatic or not	3,000
90.07 A	Photographic cameras	60,000
90.08 A2	Other cinematographic cameras	15,000
90.12 A	Compound optical microscopes	10,000
90.14	Surveying instruments, etc.	40,000
90.17 A	Diagnostic and therapeutic instruments (electro-cardiographs, etc.)	20,000

Greek tariff item No.	Description of products	Quota (US\$)
90.17 B	Complete dental equipment on its base, etc.	5,000
90.20	Apparatus based on the use of X-rays, etc.	10,000
90.28 A	Electrical or electronic instruments and apparatus for measuring electrical quantities	15,000
90.01 D	Watches of base metal, silvered or gilt	20,000
91.02 AII	Other watches	10,000
91.11 B1	Clock and watch springs, including spirals	4,000
91.11 BV	Other clock and watch parts	10,000
92.01 A1	Upright pianos	10,000
94.02	Medical dental, surgical or veterinary furniture (for example operating tables, etc.)	15,000
19.02 A2	Other preparations, not containing cocoa	75,000

Agreement establishing an Association between  
the European Economic Community and Greece

Article 21

1. In order to facilitate imports of certain articles from countries with which Greece is linked by bilateral trade agreements, if the operation of these agreements with such countries is substantially affected by operation of the provisions of the Agreement, Greece shall be entitled to grant tariff quotas at reduced rates of duty or duty free with the prior consent of the Association Council.

2. In no case may the duty under a tariff quota be less than the duty actually applied by Greece to imports coming from the Community.

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