

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS

Exchange of notes at Sofia August 18, 1932

Entered into force August 18, 1932

*Revived (after World War II) March 8, 1948,¹ pursuant to article 8
of treaty of peace signed at Paris February 10, 1947²*

Terminated October 12, 1951³

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The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SOFIA, BULGARIA, *August 18, 1932*

MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to confirm and to make of record by this note the following provisional commercial agreement between our respective governments.

The United States will accord to goods, the growth, produce or manufacture of Bulgaria and Bulgaria will accord to goods, the growth, produce or manufacture of the United States in all respects and unconditionally the most favored nation treatment. The said treatment shall apply to all goods from whatever place arriving including goods destined for consumption or re-exportation or in transit.

The stipulations of this agreement do not extend to the treatment which is accorded by the United States to the commerce of Cuba under the provisions of the commercial convention concluded between the United States and Cuba on December 11, 1902,⁴ or the provisions of any other commercial convention which hereafter may be concluded between the United States and Cuba. Such stipulations moreover do not extend to the treatment which is accorded to the commerce between the United States and the Panama Canal Zone or any dependency of the United States or to the commerce of the dependencies of the United States with one another under existing or future laws.

¹ *Department of State Bulletin*, Mar. 21, 1948, p. 383.

² TIAS 1650, *ante*, vol. 4, p. 431.

³ Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States, through the Swiss Government, July 12, 1951.

⁴ TS 427, *post*, vol. 6, p. 1106, CUBA.

Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as a limitation of the right of either high contracting party to impose on such terms as it may see fit prohibitions or restrictions of a sanitary character designed to protect human, animal or plant life or regulations for the enforcement of police or revenue laws.

The present agreement becomes operative on this eighteenth day of August, 1932, and shall continue in force until superseded by a definitive treaty of commerce and navigation, or until denounced by one of the two High Contracting Parties by advance notice of three months. If however either party should be prevented by the future action of its legislature from carrying out the terms of the agreement the obligations thereof shall thereupon lapse.

I avail myself of this opportunity Mr. Minister, to reiterate to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

HENRY W. SHOEMAKER

His Excellency

MR. NICOLAS MOOSHANOFF

Minister for Foreign Affairs

The Royal Bulgarian Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Sofia, Bulgaria

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP

No. 14036/19/II

SOFIA, August 18, 1932

MR. MINISTER,

I have the honor to confirm in concrete form, by this note, the following provisional commercial agreement between our respective governments:

Bulgaria will accord to goods—natural or manufactured products of the United States and the United States will accord to goods—natural or manufactured products of Bulgaria in all respects and unconditionally the most favored nation treatment. This treatment shall apply to all goods, from whatever place arriving, including goods destined for consumption, or reexportation or in transit.

The stipulations of the present agreement shall not extend to the treatment, which is accorded by the United States to the commerce of Cuba, under the provisions of the commercial convention concluded between the United States and Cuba on December 11, 1902, or the provisions of any other commercial convention, which hereafter may be concluded between the United States and Cuba. The same stipulations similarly will not apply to the treatment which is accorded to the commerce between the United States and the

Panama Canal Zone or any dependency of the United States, or to the commerce of the dependencies of the United States with one another, under existing or future laws.

Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed as a limitation of the right of either of the high contracting parties to impose prohibitions or restrictions of a sanitary character, which either party considers necessary, destined to protect human, animal or plant life, or regulations for the enforcement of police or revenue laws.

The present agreement will enter into force on the 18th of August 1932 and shall continue to be in force until superseded by a definitive treaty of commerce and navigation, or until denounced by one of the two Contracting Parties by advance notice of three months. If, however, either of the parties should be prevented by any future action of its legislature from executing the conditions of this agreement, the obligations thereof shall lapse.

I take this opportunity, Mr. Minister, to express my high respect.

N. MOOSHANOFF

To His Excellency

MR. H. W. SHOEMAKER

*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America
Sofia*