

TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Afghanistan desiring to further and strengthen trade relations between their two countries, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Afghanistan shall extend to each other most-favoured-nation treatment, as defined in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade⁽¹⁾, and shall in its application comply with the principles and regulations thereof, even if the said Agreement should fail to come into force definitively.

ARTICLE II

In compliance with the relevant articles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade:

- (a) the provisions of the preceding article shall not apply to the preferential tariffs or other concessions now granted by Canada exclusively to countries and their overseas dependencies that are entitled to British preferential tariff treatment;
- (b) the provisions of the preceding article respecting most-favoured-nation treatment shall not apply to:
 - concessions granted by one of the contracting parties to neighbouring countries with a view to facilitating border traffic;
 - concessions resulting from present or future membership of one of the contracting parties in a customs union or a free trade area.

ARTICLE III

For the purpose of this agreement, products originating in and consigned from Canada shall be considered Canadian products, and products originating in and consigned from the Republic of Afghanistan shall be considered Afghan products.

ARTICLE IV

Each of the contracting parties undertake to promote and facilitate the expansion of trade relations between the two countries. To this effect, each of the contracting parties shall assist the other, in so far as possible, in the organization of trade missions, exhibitions and fairs, and shall promote a more intensive exchange of trade information between Canadian and Afghan enterprises and organizations.

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series 1948 No. 31