

TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

The Government of Canada and the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, desirous of regulating and facilitating trade between the two countries upon the basis of equality and reciprocal advantages,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall accord each other most-favoured-nation treatment in respect of all duties, taxes, charges and formalities connected with the trade between the two Parties of goods which are the growth, produce or manufacture of the other Party.

ARTICLE 2

Each Contracting Party shall accord to the products of the other Contracting Party which have been in transit through the territory of any third country receiving most-favoured-nation treatment from the importing country, treatment no less favourable than that which would have been accorded to such products had they been transported from their place of origin to their destination without going through the territory of such third country. Each Contracting Party shall, however, be free to maintain its requirements of direct consignment existing on the date of signature of the present Agreement in respect of any goods in regard to which such direct consignment has relation to that Contracting Party's prescribed method of valuation for duty purposes.

ARTICLE 3

The advantages accorded by Canada exclusively to countries and their dependent overseas territories entitled to the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff shall be excepted from the operation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4

No prohibitions or restrictions shall be applied by either Contracting Party on the importation or exportation of any product from or to the territory of the other Contracting Party which are not similarly applied to the importation or exportation of the like product from or to the territories of all third countries except for import or exchange restrictions applicable to all countries in like circumstances for the purpose of safeguarding the external financial position and balance of payments.

The provisions of the present Agreement shall not limit the right of either Contracting Party to apply prohibitions or restrictions of any kind directed to the protection of its essential security interests.

ARTICLE 5

The merchant vessels of each Contracting Party and the cargoes of such vessels shall upon arrival at and departure from the seaports of the other Contracting Party and during the time spent in such seaports enjoy the treatment accorded to the most-favoured-nation.