TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania, desirous of regulating and facilitating trade between the two countries on the basis of equality and reciprocal advantage,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

COMMERCE

The Contracting Parties shall accord each other unconditional mostfavoured-nation treatment in all matters with respect to customs duties and charges of any kind imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation of products and with respect to the method of levying such duties and charges, with respect to all rules and formalities connected with importation or exportation, and with respect to all internal taxes or other internal charges of any kind.

Accordingly, products of each Contracting Party imported into the territory of the other Contracting Party shall not be subject, in regard to the matters referred to in the first paragraph of this Article, to any duties, taxes or charges other or higher, or to any rules or formalities more burdensome, than those to which like products of any third country are or may hereafter be subject.

Similarly, products exported from the territory of a Contracting Party and consigned to the territory of the other Contracting Party shall not be subject, in regard to matters referred to in the first paragraph of this Article, to any duties, taxes or charges other or higher, or to any rules or formalities more burdensome, than those to which like products when consigned to the territory of any third country are or may hereafter be subject.

Any advantage, favour, privilege or immunity which has been or may hereafter be granted by either Contracting Party, in regard to the matters referred to in the first paragraph of this Article, to any product of any third country shall be accorded immediately and without compensation to like products originating in the territory of the other Contracting Party, and irrespective of the nationality of the carrier.

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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 III

The benefits accorded by Canada under the British Preferential Tariff shall be excepted from the operation of this Agreement.