

2. This Agreement shall be subject to formal acceptance by the signatory Governments. Instruments of acceptance shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America by July 1, 1948; provided, however, that an additional period shall be allowed by the Council for the deposit of instruments of acceptance of behalf of those importing countries which are prevented by a recess of their respective legislatures from accepting this Agreement by July 1, 1948. Instruments of acceptance shall become effective on the date of their deposit. The Government of the United States of America shall notify the Governments listed in Annexes I and II to Article II of the Governments which have signed this Agreement and of the Governments which have deposited instruments of acceptance.

3. Article X to XXII inclusive of this Agreement shall come into force on July 1, 1948, and Articles I to IX inclusive shall come into force on August 1, 1948, between the Governments which have deposited their instruments of acceptance by July 1, 1948, provided that any such Government may, at the opening of the first Session of the International Wheat Council, established by Article XI of this Agreement, which Session shall be convened in Washington early in July 1948 by the Government of the United States of America, effect its withdrawal by notification to the Government of the United States of America if in the opinion of any such Government the guaranteed purchases or guaranteed sales of the countries whose Governments have formally accepted this Agreement are insufficient to ensure its successful operation. With respect to Governments which deposit their instruments of acceptance after July 1, 1948, the Agreement shall enter into force on the date of such deposit, provided that in no case shall Articles I to IX inclusive be deemed to have entered into force before August 1, 1948 as a result of such deposit.

ARTICLE XXI

Accession

Subject to unanimity of the votes cast, any Government may accede to this Agreement upon such conditions as the Council may lay down. Such accession shall be effected by the notification thereof by the Government concerned to the Government of the United States of America, which Government shall notify the signatory and acceding Governments of each such accession and of the date of the receipt thereof.

ARTICLE XXII

Duration, Amendment, Withdrawal, and Termination

1. This Agreement shall remain in force until July 31, 1953.
2. The Council shall, not later than July 31, 1952, communicate to the contracting Governments its recommendations regarding the renewal of this Agreement.
3. If at any time circumstances arise which, in the opinion of the Council, affect or threaten to affect adversely the operation of this Agreement, the Council may by a simple majority of the votes held by the Governments of the exporting countries and by a simple majority of the votes held by the Governments of the importing countries recommend an amendment of this Agreement to the contracting Governments.

4. The Council may fix a time limit within which each contracting Government shall notify the Council whether or not it accepts the amendment. The