

MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT IN CUSTOMS MATTERS

Exchange of notes at Ankara February 17 [?] and 18, 1926

Entered into force February 20, 1926

Renewed for six months by agreement of July 20, 1926¹

Expired February 20, 1927

1926 For. Rel. (II) 999

The American High Commissioner to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

ANGORA, February 17 [18?], 1926

YOUR EXCELLENCY: I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that pending the ratification of the Treaties between Turkey and the United States of America, signed at Lausanne August 6, 1923,² my Government consents, in order to define the regime which will be applicable to the commerce between the United States and Turkey for six months, dating from February 20, 1926, to extend to agricultural and industrial products originating in or proceeding from Turkey, and imported into the United States for consumption, transit, or reexportation, that treatment accorded the most favored nation. The provisions of this agreement do not apply to the treatment which is accorded by the United States of America to the commerce of its dependencies, Cuba, or the Panama Canal Zone.

It is understood that the application of this provisional agreement is subject to the application, in Turkey, to agricultural and industrial products originating in or proceeding from the United States, of that treatment provided for by the Commercial Convention signed at Lausanne July 24, 1923,³ in regard to the products of the States signatories thereof. The provisions of the present agreement do not apply to the commerce between Turkey and the countries detached from the Ottoman Empire following the war of 1914, nor to the frontier traffic with a state contiguous to Turkey.

Accept [etc.]

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¹ Not printed.

² Treaty concerning general relations (unperfected; for text, see 1923 For. Rel. (II) 1153) and extradition treaty (TS 872, *ante*, p. 1099).

³ 28 *League of Nations Treaty Series* 171.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American High Commissioner

[TRANSLATION]

No. 54042/3

ANGORA, *February 18, 1926*

Mr. REPRESENTATIVE: I have the honor to inform you that pending the ratification of the Treaty between Turkey and the United States of America, signed at Lausanne August 6, 1923, my Government consents, in order to define a regime which will be applicable to the commerce between Turkey and the United States for 6 months, dating from February 20, 1926, to extend to agricultural and industrial products originating in or proceeding from the United States, and imported into Turkey for consumption, transit, or re-exportation, that treatment accorded the most favored nation. The provisions of the present agreement do not apply to the commerce between Turkey and the countries detached from the Ottoman Empire following the war of 1914, nor to the frontier traffic with a State contiguous to Turkey.

It is understood that the application of this provisional agreement is subject to the application, in the United States of America, to agricultural and industrial products originating in or proceeding from Turkey, of that treatment accorded the most favored nation. The provisions of the present agreement do not apply to the treatment which is accorded by the United States of America to the commerce of its dependencies, Cuba, or the Panama Canal Zone.

Accept [etc.]

DR. ROUSCHDY