

MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT IN CUSTOMS MATTERS

Exchange of notes at Cairo May 24, 1930

Entered into force May 24, 1930

Supplemented by understanding of May 4 and August 15, 1946¹

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

CAIRO, May 24, 1930

No. 1.7/3 (32)

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,

Referring to correspondence exchanged between Your Excellency and this Ministry with regard to the conclusion of a provisional commercial agreement between the United States of America and Egypt, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Egyptian Government is willing to apply unconditional most favored nation treatment to all products, of the soil and industry, originating in the United States of America imported into Egypt and destined either for consumption or re-exportation or in transit. The said treatment will also be applied provisionally to products imported into Egypt through countries which have not completed commercial agreements with Egypt.

This régime is accorded by Egypt on condition of perfect reciprocity and with the exception of the régime accorded to Sudanese products, or the régime which might be applied by Egypt to products of certain border countries by virtue of regional conventions and with the exception of the treatment which the United States accords or may hereafter accord to the commerce of Cuba or of any of the territories or possessions of the United States or the Panama Canal Zone or the treatment which is or may hereafter be accorded to the commerce of the United States with any of its territorial boundaries or possessions or to the commerce of its territories or possessions with one another.

The present arrangement does not apply to prohibitions or restrictions of

¹ TIAS 1572, *post*, p. 1362.

a sanitary character or designed to protect human, animal, or plant life or regulations for the enforcement of police or revenue laws.

The present agreement will enter into force as soon as Your Excellency is good enough to confirm the consent of your Government thereto and shall continue in force until ninety days after notice of its termination shall have been given by either party unless sooner terminated by mutual agreement. If, however, either party should be prevented by the future action of its Legislature from carrying out the terms of the agreement the obligations thereof shall thereupon lapse.

I avail myself of the occasion to renew to you, Mr. Minister, the assurance of my high consideration.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs
WACYF BOUTROS GHALI

His Excellency

Mr. FRANKLIN MOTT GUNTHER
*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America*

The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CAIRO, May 24, 1930

No. 230

MR. MINISTER,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 1. 7/3 (32), of May 24, 1930, the agreed English text of which is as follows:

[For text of Egyptian note, see above.]

In reply I have the honor to inform Your Excellency of my Government's acquiescence in the terms of the above mentioned Note thus establishing a Provisional Commercial Accord, and avail myself of the occasion to renew to you, Mr. Minister, the assurance of my high consideration.

FRANKLIN MOTT GUNTHER
American Minister

His Excellency

WACYF BOUTROS GHALI PASHA
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