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EXCHANGE OF NOTES

between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia
and the Government of the Kingdom of Greece

regarding

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS

Canberra, February 29, 1940/Sydney, March 7, 1940

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE KINGDOM OF GREECE REGARDING COMMERCIAL
RELATIONS.

Canberra, February 29, 1940. Sydney, March 7, 1940.

No. 1.

*Minister of State for Trade and Customs of the Commonwealth of
Australia to His Hellenic Majesty's Consul-General in Australia.*

Sir, Canberra, February 29, 1940.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia is prepared to enter into an Agreement with the Government of the Kingdom of Greece in the following terms:—

1. Goods the produce or manufacture of Greece, on their importation into Australia, shall receive treatment not less favourable than that accorded to like goods the produce or manufacture of the most-favoured-foreign country.
2. Goods the produce or manufacture of Australia, on their importation into Greece, shall receive treatment not less favourable than that accorded to like goods the produce or manufacture of the most-favoured-foreign country.
3. It shall be understood that the term "foreign country" in relation to the Commonwealth of Australia means a country not under the sovereignty of His Majesty The King of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, nor under His Majesty's suzerainty, protection or mandate.

I shall be obliged if you will inform me whether the Government of the Kingdom of Greece agree to the above-mentioned proposals. If so, I suggest that the present Note and your Note in reply be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments having effect from a date to be fixed by mutual arrangement.⁽¹⁾ I suggest further that the Agreement shall remain in force for a period of one year. If neither Government has notified the other three months before the expiration of the above-mentioned period of one year of its intention to terminate the Agreement it shall continue in force until the expiration of three months from the date on which either of the two Governments shall have given notice to the other of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

I have, &c.

ROBERT G. MENZIES,
Minister of State for Trade and Customs.

Emil C. Vrisakis Esq.

⁽¹⁾ The Agreement came into force on June 17, 1940.

No. 2.

*His Hellenic Majesty's Consul-General in Australia to the Prime
Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia.*

Sir,

Sydney, March 7, 1940.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 29th February, 1940, and to inform you that the Government of the Kingdom of Greece is willing to enter into an agreement with the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia in the terms set forth therein, viz. :—

1. Goods the produce or manufacture of Greece, on their importation into Australia, shall receive treatment not less favourable than that accorded to like goods the produce or manufacture of the most-favoured-foreign country.
2. Goods the produce or manufacture of Australia, on their importation into Greece, shall receive treatment not less favourable than that accorded to like goods the produce or manufacture of the most-favoured-foreign country.
3. It shall be understood that the term "foreign country" in relation to the Commonwealth of Australia means a country not under the sovereignty of His Majesty The King of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, nor under His Majesty's suzerainty, protection or mandate.

In accordance with the suggestion contained in the last paragraph of your Note under reply, the present exchange of Notes will be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments having effect from a date to be fixed by mutual arrangement. The Agreement shall remain in force for a period of one year. If neither Government has notified the other three months before the expiration of the above-mentioned period of one year of its intention to terminate the Agreement it shall continue in force until the expiration of three months from the date on which either of the two Governments shall have given notice to the other of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

I have, &c.

E. C. VRISAKIS,
Consul-General of Greece.

The Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies, K.C., M.P.
