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between the Government of the United
Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
Ireland and the Government of Sweden

London, 10th November, 1950

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MONETARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN

London, 10th November, 1950

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Sweden,

Desiring to modify the arrangements agreed between them for the regulation of payments so as to take account of the establishment of the European Payments Union and to conform with the provisions of the Agreement relating to the establishment of the Union which was signed in Paris on 19th September, 1950⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the "European Payments Agreement"),

Have agreed as follows :—

ARTICLE 1

(a) The rate of exchange between the Swedish krona and the pound sterling shall be Swedish kronor 14·485 = £1 and this rate (hereinafter referred to as "the official rate") shall not be varied by either Contracting Government except after giving to the other as much notice as may be practicable.

(b) The Contracting Governments shall enforce the use of the official rate as the basis of all transactions involving a relationship between the pound sterling and the Swedish krona.

(c) The Bank of England and Sveriges Riksbank, as agents of their respective Governments, shall fix by agreement the maximum spread above or below the official rate which will be authorised on the markets which they control.

ARTICLE 2

The Bank of England and Sveriges Riksbank, as agents of their respective Governments, shall make such arrangements as may be necessary to implement Article 8 of the European Payments Agreement as between those Governments.

ARTICLE 3

(a)—(i) The Government of the United Kingdom shall not restrict the availability of sterling at the disposal of residents of Sweden for transfer to other residents of Sweden or to residents of the Scheduled Territories.

(ii) The Government of the United Kingdom shall not restrict the availability of sterling under the control of Sveriges Riksbank for making payments in respect of direct current transactions to residents of such countries outside Sweden and the Scheduled Territories as may be agreed between the Bank of England and Sveriges Riksbank, acting as agents of their respective Governments.

(b)—(i) The Swedish Government shall not restrict the availability of Swedish kronor at the disposal of residents of the Scheduled Territories for transfer to other residents of the Scheduled Territories or to residents of Sweden.

(ii) The Swedish Government shall not restrict the availability of Swedish kronor under the control of the Bank of England for making payments in respect of direct current transactions to residents of such countries outside Sweden and the Scheduled Territories as may be agreed between the Bank of England and Sveriges Riksbank, acting as agents of their respective Governments.

⁽¹⁾ "Miscellaneous No. 14 (1950)," Cmd. 8064.

ARTICLE 4

(a) The Swedish Government shall not restrict the acceptance by residents of Sweden of sterling from residents of the Scheduled Territories and, as regards payments in respect of direct current transactions, from residents of such countries outside Sweden and the Scheduled Territories as may be agreed between the Bank of England and Sveriges Riksbank, acting as agents of their respective Governments.

(b) The Government of the United Kingdom shall not restrict the acceptance by residents of the Scheduled Territories of Swedish kronor from residents of Sweden and, as regards payments in respect of direct current transactions, from residents of such countries outside Sweden and the Scheduled Territories as may be agreed between the Bank of England and Sveriges Riksbank, acting as agents of their respective Governments.

ARTICLE 5

The Contracting Governments shall co-operate with a view to assisting each other in keeping capital transactions within the scope of their respective policies.

ARTICLE 6

For the purposes of the present Agreement—

(a) The expression “the Scheduled Territories” shall have the meaning from time to time assigned to it under the United Kingdom Exchange Control Act, 1947 :

(b) The expression “payments in respect of direct current transactions” means payments in respect of transactions of the type defined in Article XIX (i) of the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund⁽²⁾ which are made by a principal resident in the country from which payment is made and which relate solely to goods (other than gold bullion, gold coin or gold either in semi-manufactured or in fully manufactured form) imported into, and for use or consumption in, that country and originating in the country to which payment is made or to services rendered to residents in the former country by residents of the latter country.

ARTICLE 7

The Monetary Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Sweden, signed in London on 30th December, 1949⁽³⁾, is hereby abrogated.

ARTICLE 8

The present Agreement shall come into force on this day's date. At any time thereafter, either Contracting Government may give notice to the other of its intention to terminate the Agreement and the Agreement shall cease to have effect three months after the date of such notice. It shall in any case be reviewed before 1st July, 1952.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement and affixed thereto their seals.

Done in London, in duplicate, this 10th day of November, 1950.

(L.S.) ERNEST BEVIN.

(L.S.) GUNNAR HÄGGLOF.

⁽²⁾ “Treaty Series No. 21 (1946),” Cmd. 6885.

⁽³⁾ “Treaty Series No. 2 (1950),” Cmd. 7861.

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