

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
and  
BELGIUM, FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC  
OF GERMANY, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG,  
NETHERLANDS and EUROPEAN COAL  
AND STEEL COMMUNITY**

**Agreement (with annexes) concerning commercial relations  
between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland and the European Coal and Steel  
Community. Signed at Luxembourg, on 25 November  
1957**

*Official texts: English, German, French, Italian and Dutch.*

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on  
16 August 1961.*

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
et  
BELGIQUE, FRANCE, RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE  
D'ALLEMAGNE, ITALIE, LUXEMBOURG,  
PAYS-BAS et COMMUNAUTÉ EUROPÉENNE  
DU CHARBON ET DE L'ACIER**

**Accord (avec annexes) concernant les relations commer-  
ciales entre le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et  
d'Irlande du Nord et la Communauté européenne du  
charbon et de l'acier. Signé à Luxembourg, le 25 novem-  
bre 1957**

*Textes officiels anglais, allemand, français, italien et néerlandais.*

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le  
16 août 1961.*

No. 5795. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND BELGIUM, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS AND THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY CONCERNING COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. SIGNED AT LUXEMBOURG, ON 25 NOVEMBER 1957

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of the one part and the Governments of the States members of the European Coal and Steel Community and the High Authority of the Community of the other part :

Having received from the Council of Association established by the Agreement concerning the relations between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the United Kingdom") and the European Coal and Steel Community (hereinafter referred to as "the Community"), signed at London on December 21, 1954,<sup>2</sup> certain proposals relating to iron and steel tariffs made by the Council of Association pursuant to Article 8 of the Agreement ;

Desiring to accept these proposals and to regulate their commercial relations accordingly ;

Have agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

The Governments of the States members of the Community undertake that from a date not more than thirty days after the entry into force of this Agreement in accordance with paragraph (3) of Article 7, the applied rates of ordinary customs duties on importation into the territories of the States members of the Community

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with article 7, the Agreement came into force on 22 October 1958, upon ratification by all signatory States on behalf of which the instruments of ratification were deposited with the Government of the United Kingdom on the dates indicated :

| <i>State</i>                                           | <i>Date of deposit</i> |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------|
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . | 18 March               | 1958 |
| Belgium . . . . .                                      | 18 April               | 1958 |
| France . . . . .                                       | 24 June                | 1958 |
| Federal Republic of Germany . . . . .                  | 23 May                 | 1958 |
| Italy . . . . .                                        | 28 February            | 1958 |
| Luxembourg . . . . .                                   | 18 April               | 1958 |
| Netherlands . . . . .                                  | 22 October             | 1958 |

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 258, p. 322.

of products originating in the United Kingdom, being products described in the first Schedule<sup>1</sup> attached to this Agreement, shall not, subject to Article 3, exceed the rates set out in that Schedule.

#### *Article 2*

The United Kingdom Government undertake that from a date not more than thirty days after the entry into force of this Agreement in accordance with paragraph (3) of Article 7, the applied rates of ordinary customs duties on importation into the United Kingdom of products originating in the territories of the States members of the Community, being products described in the second Schedule<sup>2</sup> attached to this Agreement, shall not, subject to Article 3, exceed the rates set out in that Schedule.

#### *Article 3*

(1) If the High Authority, the Government of any of the States members of the Community or the United Kingdom Government consider that circumstances have arisen which make necessary an increase of customs duties above the level set out in the appropriate Schedule to this Agreement,

- (a) there shall as soon as possible be consultation within the framework of the Council of Association in order to ascertain whether agreement can be reached on a course of action which would avoid the necessity for increased duties or on the extent of the increase in these duties ;
- (b) if no agreement is reached the increased rate of duties shall not be applied until thirty days after giving notice of intention to enter into consultations.

(2) In the event of any duty being increased in conformity with paragraph (1) of this Article, this Agreement shall thereafter be construed as if the new rate were substituted for that appearing in the Schedule.

#### *Article 4*

Subject to Article 3, the products to which this Agreement relates shall be accorded treatment on import as if they were products listed in Part 1 of the appropriate Schedule annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

#### *Article 5*

Nothing in this Agreement shall require or authorise the High Authority or the Government of any of the States members of the Community or the United

<sup>1</sup> See p. 178 of this volume.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 196 of this volume.

Kingdom Government to do anything contrary to the obligations to which they or any of them may be subject under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.<sup>1</sup>

#### *Article 6*

This Agreement shall apply, in relation to the United Kingdom Government, to Great Britain and Northern Ireland and, in relation to the High Authority and to the Governments of the States members of the Community, to the European territories of the member States and to those European territories whose foreign relations are assumed by a member State.

#### *Article 7*

(1) This Agreement shall be ratified by the United Kingdom and by the States members of the Community, in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures and is accepted by the High Authority by virtue of its signature.

(2) Instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the United Kingdom Government, which shall notify the High Authority and the Governments of the States members of the Community of each such deposit.

(3) This Agreement shall enter into force upon the date upon which the deposit of all instruments of ratification shall have taken place.

#### *Article 8*

(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) below, this Agreement shall remain in force for the duration of the Agreement concerning the relations between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Coal and Steel Community signed at London on December 21, 1954.

(2) Any signatory to the Agreement may, however, at any time give to the other signatories notice of intention to terminate this Agreement. The notice given in accordance with this paragraph shall take effect six months after the date thereof and the Agreement shall then terminate between all signatories thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives of the United Kingdom Government, of the Governments of the States members of the Community and of the High Authority, duly authorised thereto, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Luxembourg on the 25th day of November, 1957, in the English, German, French, Italian and Netherlands languages, all five texts being equally authoritative, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the United

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, p. 56 of this volume.

Kingdom Government and of which certified copies shall be furnished to the High Authority and the Governments of the States members of the Community.

For the United Kingdom  
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For the Governments  
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