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**NETHERLANDS
and
ITALY**

**Agreement concerning the recruitment and placement of
Italian workers in the Netherlands. Signed at The
Hague, on 6 August 1960**

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**PAYS-BAS
et
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vailleurs italiens aux Pays-Bas. Signé à La Haye,
le 6 août 1960**

Texte officiel français.

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[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

No. 6546. AGREEMENT³ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT OF ITALIAN WORKERS IN THE NETHERLANDS. SIGNED AT THE HAGUE, ON 6 AUGUST 1960

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the Italian Republic,

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations between their peoples in keeping with the spirit of European solidarity,

With a view to achieving full employment and a better utilization of economic resources,

Believing that it is to their mutual advantage to attain these objectives in order to further the economic and social progress of their peoples,

Have concluded this Agreement for the purpose of organizing the recruitment and placement of Italian workers in the Netherlands.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

(1) The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall notify the Italian Government at least every six months of the number of workers, classified by skills, who it considers can find employment in the Netherlands.

(2) The Italian Government shall supply the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands with information on the available workers who are capable of meeting the demand.

Article 2

(1) The responsibility for the recruitment of Italian workers for employment in the Netherlands shall lie with the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (hereinafter

¹ Translation by the International Labour Office (International Labour Office, *Legislative Series*, September-October 1961) with the exception of the Preamble and the last two paragraphs.

² Traduction du Bureau international du Travail (Bureau international du Travail, *Série législative*, septembre-octobre 1961) à l'exception du préambule et des deux derniers paragraphes.

³ Came into force on 6 August 1960, upon signature, in accordance with article 22.

referred to as "the Ministry of Labour") ; the responsibility for their placement in the Netherlands shall lie with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Public Health (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry of Social Affairs").

(2) The two Ministries, acting in co-operation, shall endeavour wherever appropriate and possible, to accelerate and simplify the recruitment and placement procedures provided for in this Agreement.

Article 3

(1) The Ministry of Social Affairs shall send a selection committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Netherlands committee") to Italy for the selection and placement of Italian workers ; this committee shall decide on the place or places in which it is to operate, the premises to be used and the duration of its activities in agreement with the Ministry of Labour.

(2) The Ministry of Labour shall provide the Netherlands committee with a sufficient number of furnished premises in the place or places in which it is to operate, to enable the officials of the committee to examine the physical fitness, qualities and aptitudes of the workers concerned, and to facilitate the discharge of the necessary administrative formalities.

RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT

Article 4

(1) The Ministry of Social Affairs shall notify the Ministry of Labour, either directly or through the Netherlands committee, of any offers of employment made by Netherlands employers and recorded in pursuance of paragraph (1) of article 1.

(2) Such offers shall include precise information as to the nature, type and duration of the employment, the remuneration, the conditions of work, the housing and feeding facilities and any other necessary and useful particulars.

Article 5

(1) The Ministry of Labour shall take the necessary steps to publicize the offers of employment ; it shall collect applications from workers who are interested and shall carry out a medical and vocational pre-selection.

(2) Workers who are interested and whose names have been retained on the basis of a pre-selection carried out in the light of the information referred to in article 4 shall be brought before the Netherlands committee at such places and dates as are fixed beforehand by agreement between the Ministries concerned.

(3) During the pre-selection the Ministry of Labour shall ensure that workers who have been convicted of a crime or who are known for their reprehensible moral or civic behaviour are excluded.

Article 6

Italian workers shall produce the following documents on appearing before the Netherlands committee :

- a valid passport for the Netherlands ;
- a certificate of their civil status ;
- an extract from the findings of the pre-selection.

Article 7

(1) The Netherlands committee shall make a selection on the basis of the findings of :

- a general medical examination ;
- a chest radiography ; and
- clinical examinations (blood, urine).

(2) The Netherlands committee shall notify the Ministry of Labour of the grounds for the rejection of any worker.

(3) The criteria to be followed for selection purposes shall be established as and when required, on the basis of qualities and aptitudes to be specified beforehand.

(4) A Netherlands employer shall be entitled to apply to a Netherlands labour office, contesting the opinion of the Netherlands committee as to a worker's aptitudes, but only if the worker's unsuitability has become apparent in his performance of the job.

In such cases the Netherlands labour offices shall endeavour to provide the workers concerned with employment corresponding to their aptitudes.

Article 8

(1) On completion of the selection formalities the Netherlands committee shall request each worker who has been selected to sign a contract of employment drawn up in Dutch and Italian ; the text of this contract shall be prepared and approved as soon as possible by the two Ministries concerned.

(2) The competent Netherlands authorities shall supply the workers referred to in the preceding paragraph free of charge with all the necessary documents for their residence and employment in the Netherlands.

Article 9

(1) The Ministry of Labour shall make arrangements for the transport of workers from their places of residence to the selection centres, for their movements and resi-