

No. 9045

**DENMARK
and
SWITZERLAND**

Agreement concerning the importation of Danish agricultural products and food-stuffs into Switzerland. Signed at Bern, on 21 December 1959

Additional Agreement to the above-mentioned Agreement (Agricultural Agreement) of 21 December 1959. Signed at Lisbon, on 11 May 1963

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**DANEMARK
et
SUISSE**

Accord concernant l'importation de produits agricoles et alimentaires danois en Suisse. Signé à Berne, le 21 décembre 1959

Accord complémentaire à l'Accord susmentionné (Accord relatif aux produits agricoles) du 21 décembre 1959. Signé à Lisbonne, le 11 mai 1963

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 9045. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN SWITZERLAND AND DENMARK CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION OF DANISH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND FOOD-STUFFS INTO SWITZERLAND. SIGNED AT BERNE, ON 21 DECEMBER 1959

Having regard to the participation of Switzerland and Denmark in the European Free Trade Association established at Stockholm, the Swiss and Danish Governments have agreed that simultaneously with the application of the provisions of the European Free Trade Association concerning the reduction of import duties, the following measures shall be taken to facilitate the importation of Danish agricultural products and food-stuffs into Switzerland :

1

The Swiss authorities shall keep under observation the prevailing trends in the importation of eggs from countries whose export price is clearly not calculated on the basis of market-economy considerations. If such imports should increase to such an extent as to endanger the continued increase in the share of egg imports from Denmark in total Swiss egg imports, which have been rising in recent years, the Swiss authorities shall, in so far as the provisions of GATT and OEEC permit, take measures to limit imports from the said countries.

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In purchasing foreign butter the price of which has been brought down below the world market level by means of subsidies, the Swiss central office for butter supplies, " Butyra ", shall exercise such restraint as will afford Denmark an opportunity to apply once again for a share of at least 40 per cent of Swiss butter imports at world market prices.

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The importers belonging to the Swiss Beef Cattle and Meat Supply Association are urged to devote greater attention to the opportunities for obtaining beef cattle and meat from Denmark.

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1960.

With a view to

- (a) increasing the Danish share of Swiss imports of beef cattle under headings 0102.20, 0102.30, 0102.32, 0102.40, ex 0102.50 (young cattle), ex 0102.52 (young cattle) by at least 60 per cent in relation to the annual average for the import cycle 1953-1958, and
- (b) doubling the Danish share of Swiss imports of meat (fresh or chilled beef ex heading 0201.20, frozen beef ex heading 0201.22, slaughtering by-products ex heading 0201.22) in relation to the annual average for the import cycle 1953-1958,

the co-operation initiated between Swiss and Danish organizations representing the industry shall be intensified.

Study shall be given to the possibility of further increasing these shares.

If the goals specified in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) are not attained within a reasonable period of time, the Swiss and Danish authorities shall reach agreement on such measures as are deemed to be appropriate.

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Denmark has at present an annual quota of 600 for the importation of horses for slaughter and foals. This quota shall be increased in accordance with the demand for Danish horses for slaughter.

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An annual import quota of twenty tons for tinned pork shall be established for Denmark.

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The present annual import quota of fifteen tons for tinned ham shall be increased by 20 per cent in each of the next four years. The first increase shall take place on 1 July 1960.

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The present quota of 300 for utility horses shall be increased by 20 per cent in each of the next four years.

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The import duty for rabbits, killed, ex heading 0204.01, shall, in general, be reduced from fr. 30.— to fr. 27.— per 100 kg. as from 1 July 1960.

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The annual import quota for Danish seed-corn (particularly oats and barley) shall be increased to 7,000 tons.

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The Swiss authorities shall include the tariffs for the following fish headings in the Area reduction of import duties :

ex 0301.10, 12	salmon (<i>salmo salar</i>);
0301.20	marine fish, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole or in pieces, including fillets;
0302.10, 12, 14	marine fish, salted only, in brine, dried or smoked;
0303.	crustaceans and molluscs, including mussels.

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In determining their import policy for agricultural products, the Swiss authorities shall in so far as possible take the interests of Denmark into account. To that end, no measures shall be taken which will make it impossible for Denmark to maintain its traditional share of Swiss agricultural imports, to increase that share as a result of the above-mentioned measures relating to individual products and to play a reasonable part in meeting a perceptibly growing over-all demand.

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If Denmark so requests, a mixed commission consisting of representatives of the Governments of the two countries shall be convened.

The commission shall consider matters relating to the implementation of this Agreement. It may submit proposals in that regard to the two Governments.

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The above measures shall apply to the period during which the products in question have not been included by Switzerland in the EFTA reduction of import duties or during which an agreement between EFTA and the European Economic Community concerning a joint reduction of trade barriers has not yet been reached. As soon as the said products are included in the reduction of import duties or such an agreement is reached, wholly or in part, the two Govern-