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and
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Agreement for the sale of agricultural commodities (with minutes of negotiation). Signed at Port Louis on 8 April 1982

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AGREEMENT[1] BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS FOR THE SALE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Mauritius agree to the sale of agricultural commodities specified below. This Agreement shall consist of the Preamble, Parts I and III of the June 29 1979 Agreement[2] together with the following Part II.

Part II PARTICULAR PROVISION:

Item I. Commodity Table

COMMODITY -	SUPPLY PERIOD (US FISCAL YEAR)	APPROXIMATE MAXIMUM QUANTITY (METRIC TONS)	MAXIMUM EXPORT MARKET VALUE (MILLIONS)
RICE	1982	7,200	DOLS 2.2
WHEAT FLOUR	1982	5,100	DOLS.1.3
TOTAL			DOLS 3.5

Item II. Payment Terms:

Dollar Credit (DC)-Twenty (20) years

(A) Initial payment - Five (5) percent;

(B) Currency use payment purposes - five (5) percent for Section 104(A).

(C) Number of installment payments - nineteen (19);

(D) Amount of each installment payment - Approximately equal annual amounts;

(E) Due date of first installment payment - two (2) years after date of last delivery of commodities in each calendar year;

(F) Initial interest rate - three (3) percent;

(G) Continuing interest rate - four (4) percent.

Item III. Usual Marketing Table:

COMMODITY	IMPORT PERIOD (US FISCAL YEAR)	USUAL MARKETING REQUIREMENTS (METRIC TONS)
RICE	1982	60,000
WHEAT/WHEAT FLOUR (GRAIN EQUIVALENT BASIS)	1982	63,000

[1] Came into force on 8 April 1982 by signature.

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1180, p. 421.

Item IV. Export Limitations:

(A) The Export Limitation Period: The export limitation period shall be the United States Fiscal Year 1982 or any subsequent United States Fiscal Year during which commodities financed under this agreement are being imported or utilized.

(B) Commodities to which Export Limitations apply: For the purpose of Part I, article III (A) (4) of this Agreement, the commodities which may not be exported are: For rice--rice in the form of paddy, brown or milled; and for wheat/wheat flour --wheat, wheat flour, rolled wheat, semolina, farina, bulgar (or the same products under different names).

Item V. Self-Help Measures:

(A) The Government of Mauritius agrees to undertake self-help measures to improve the production, storage, and distribution of agricultural commodities. The following self-help measures shall be implemented to contribute directly to the development progress in poor rural areas and enable the poor to participate actively in increasing agricultural production through small farm agriculture.

(B) The Government of Mauritius agrees to undertake the following activities and in doing so to provide adequate financial, technical and managerial resources for their implementation:

(1) Continue to maintain a national policy of agricultural diversification following the Plan of Action adopted for the Development Plan for 1980-82.

(2) Address the identified constraints which are partly responsible for delaying a sustained program of food-crop production through specific studies in support of policy determinations to include inter alia:

(a) Continue to conclusion the on-going cataloging of fields under cane production to include data regarding physical and chemical soil characteristics, environmental conditions, suitability of growth of diverse crops, etc.

(b) Develop viable proposals for improvement to irrigation facilities in the western coast area, for example La Chaumiere;

(c) Continue the study of the constraints to diversification recommending appropriate action steps to be taken especially through the Agricultural Marketing Board and Extension Service of the Ministry of Agriculture to encourage support of private sector's initiatives in food-crop production.

(3) To assist in overcoming the constraints in effecting rapid diversification without deterioration of sugar production, the following activities will be undertaken to enhance policy decisions as well as provide producer incentives:

(a) Initiate action to make land available to small farmers for purchase and/or rent of land for short and/or long term use for food-crop production;

(b) Continue to grant Development Certificates extended to individuals and/or entities engaged in agricultural diversion. Holders of Certificates would be provided incentives such as:

(I) Tax Relief;

(II) Duty exemption on agricultural machinery, and equipment;

(III) Loans at preferential rates

(4) Implement further efforts to promote production, storage and marketing of food-crops within both the private as well as public sector through such efforts as guaranteed floor prices on a wider range of food-crops. Encouragement of producer operated marketing cooperatives, and expanding public markets to smaller communities where greater numbers of producer groups may participate.

(5) Continue to strengthen the national integrated food strategy through improving participation by both public and private sector in selected committees which will be responsible to: Review progress in specific areas of diversification; recommend measures for corrective action if necessary; monitor implementation of approved plans/projects; and strengthen strategies for food-crop production.

(6) Where possible, sales proceeds generated under the Title I program, will be used to support food for work activities with emphasis on rural initiatives which will impact upon agricultural production, marketing and distribution.

Item VI. Economic Development Purposes For Which Proceeds Accruing To Importing Country Are To Be Used:

A. The proceeds accruing to the Government of Mauritius from the sale of commodities financed under this Agreement will be used for financing the self-help measures set forth in the Agreement and for development in the agriculture and rural development sectors, in a manner designed to increase the access of the poor in Mauritius to an adequate, nutritious, and stable food supply.

B. In the use of proceeds for these purposes emphasis will be placed on directly improving the lives of the poorest of the Mauritian people and their capacity to participate in the development of their country, particularly on the island of Rodrigues and other lower income areas of the country.

In witness whereof, the respective representatives, duly authorized for the purpose, have signed the present agreement. Done at Port Louis in duplicate this 8 day of April , 1982

For the Government of Mauritius:

By: Sir VEERASAMY RINGADOO

Title: Minister of Finance

Signature: [*Signed*]

For the Government of the United States of America:

By: ROBERT C. F. GORDON

Title: American Ambassador

Signature: [*Signed*]