

RECIPROCAL TRADE

Exchange of notes at Paris May 31, 1932

Entered into force May 31, 1932

*Paragraphs B and C modified by agreement of January 19 and 21, 1935*¹

*Superseded June 15, 1936, by agreement of May 6, 1936*²

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

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As a temporary measure and pending a further and more complete agreement between France and the United States upon the subject, the following rules will be observed from today by the French Government in fixing any new quota or restriction upon any product imported from the United States or in renewing any existing quota or restriction:

A. In all matters relating to quotas and restrictions on importations the French Government will assure to the United States most favored nation

¹ Paras. B and C were modified to read as follows:

B. The French Government accepts that the quota fixed for an American commodity shall not be reduced to an amount less than 10% of the total importation of that commodity during the last year where the importation of the said product was not subject to restrictions, when the importation from the United States, during the year cited, has been equal to, or greater than, 10%. Should it be inferior to 10% of the total importation, the quota will be fixed at the level of the importation from the United States in the year cited.

As concerns products subjected to the quota system before January 1, 1934, the year taken into consideration will be the year 1931.

C. The French Government will offer representatives of American industries the opportunity of taking part in conversations between industrials relating to the fixing of quotas when these quotas will be of special interest to American importations into France.

In order to avoid undue importations and the retroactive measures which these may involve, the French Government reserves the possibility of taking, for the duration of these conversations, precautionary measures limiting foreign importations to the figures reached during the corresponding period of the last year prior to their adoption.

The fixing of quotas on agricultural products is not the subject of preliminary private conversations between the interested parties of different countries.

² EAS 146, *post*, p. 997.