

CUSTOMS

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

[TRANSLATION]

PARIS, November 2, 1927

The French Government has taken note with satisfaction of the *aide-mémoire* which the Embassy of the United States presented to it on October 24, 1927.¹ It is happy to find therein the assurances by virtue of which it can shortly open negotiations for a permanent treaty and grant to the products of the United States, pending these negotiations, the provisional regime on which the experts of the two countries have just agreed.

In order to avoid any lack of precision and misunderstanding with respect to these assurances, the French Government feels it opportune to recall them, indicating at the same time its interpretation thereof:

1. The Government of the United States agrees that its Tariff Commission may, in conformity with the procedure governing inquiries as to cost of production initiated by the application of Section 315 of the Tariff Act,² receive claims presented by any person, corporation or association, or in their name. The American Government is likewise disposed to transmit to its Tariff Commission requests submitted to it by the French Government in the name of its producers and consumers.

2. The Government of the United States declares itself prepared to examine in the most friendly spirit all claims submitted by the French Government concerning regulations of a sanitary nature affecting agricultural and pharmaceutical products, as well as all other import formalities in which are included the conditions and methods of passing merchandise through the customs. The French Government, moreover, assures the Government of the United States that it will examine with the same good will the claims of American exporters which may be submitted to it by the American Government.

¹ For text, see 1927 For. Rel. (II) 696.

² 42 Stat. 941.