

MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT FOR AREAS UNDER OCCUPATION OR CONTROL

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the conversations which have recently taken place between representatives of our two Governments relating to the territorial application of commercial arrangements between the United States of America and Portugal and to confirm the understanding reached as a result of these conversations as follows:

1. For such time as the Government of the United States of America participates in the occupation or control of any areas in western Germany and the Free Territory of Trieste, the Government of Portugal will apply to the merchandise trade of such area the provisions relating to the most-favored-nation treatment of the merchandise trade of the United States of America set forth in the Commercial Agreement signed June 28, 1910,¹ or for such time as the Governments of the United States of America and Portugal may both be contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, dated October 30, 1947,² the provisions of that Agreement, as now or hereafter amended, relating to the most-favored-nation treatment of such trade. It is understood that the undertaking in this paragraph relating to the application of the most-favored-nation provisions of the Commercial Agreement shall be subject to the exceptions recognized in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade permitting departures from the application of most-favored-nation treatment; provided that nothing in this sentence shall be construed to require compliance with the procedures specified in the General Agreement with regard to the application of such exceptions.

¹ TS 514½, *ante*, p. 324.

² TIAS 1700, *ante*, vol. 4, p. 639.