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UNION ÉCONOMIQUE
BELGO-LUXEMBOURGEOISE
ET FRANCE

Arrangement commercial signé à
Paris, le 24 octobre 1924, et
Modus vivendi, signé à Paris, le
4 avril 1925, avec Echange de
notes de la même date.

ECONOMIC UNION OF
BELGIUM AND LUXEMBURG
AND FRANCE

Commercial Agreement signed at
Paris, October 24, 1924, and *Modus
vivendi*, signed at Paris, April 4,
1925, with Exchange of Notes of
the same Date.

¹ TRADUCTION. — TRANSLATION.No. 1085. — COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT² BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE BELGO-LUXEMBURG ECONOMIC UNION, SIGNED AT PARIS, OCTOBER 24, 1924.

French official text communicated by the Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the French Republic. The registration of this Agreement took place February 6, 1926.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS and THE GOVERNMENT OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUCHESS OF LUXEMBURG in so far as the interests of the Grand Duchy are concerned, being desirous of reducing to a minimum the obstacles to trade between the High Contracting Parties, have agreed, prior to the putting into force of the new Customs tariffs of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, on the following provisions :

Article 1.

Without prejudice to the provisions of the *modus vivendi* of 1892, under which each country accords to the other general most-favoured-nation treatment, the products enumerated in List A annexed hereto originating in and coming from France or the French colonies, possessions or protectorates shall, on importation into the territory of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, be entitled to the rates of duty and coefficients specified in this list.

The said duties and coefficients shall be applicable so long as, in the markets of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, the prices of the articles specified in the list shall not have increased by more than 20 %, as compared with the prices ruling at the date of the signature of the present Agreement or so long as the conditions of their production or sale remain substantially the same.

Should any such increases or modifications occur, the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union shall be entitled to adapt its duties to the new conditions, without, however, increasing the margin of protection afforded to any product as a result of the relation between the duty laid down in List A attached hereto and the current price of the goods on the date of the signature of the present Agreement.

Article 2.

France shall grant the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union the following facilities :

(1) She shall, so far as lies in her power, maintain the special conditions hitherto in force in respect of goods consigned to or coming from Strasburg through Antwerp

¹ Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations.

¹ Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

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and the Rhine, and goods coming from or consigned to the three Departments of the Haut-Rhin, Bas-Rhin and Moselle through Thionville and the Belgian ports.

(2) So far as import and export prohibitions are concerned, France shall maintain the same exceptions and facilities in favour of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union as were previously granted to the said Union.

(3) Should France establish new prohibitions, she shall come to an agreement with the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union with a view to according similar exceptions or facilities to the Union.

(4) France is prepared, in accordance with List B hereto attached, to define the interpretation of the tariff nomenclature in respect of the duties applicable to certain products, in the importation of which producers in the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union are particularly interested.

(5) As soon as Parliament reassembles, the French Government shall lay before it a Bill for the purpose of including mine tubbings among the articles referred to in Article 553 of the Customs tariff.

(6) The French Government shall take the necessary steps to repeal as soon as possible the export tax on wood in bark and sawn wood.

Article 3.

The present Agreement shall remain in force for the same period as the Convention of 1892, to which it forms a supplement.

Done at Paris in triplicate on October 24, 1924.

(Signed) EDOUARD HERRIOT.

(Signed) RAYNALDY.

(Signed) E. DE GAIFFIER.

(Signed) ALBERT CALMES.

ANNEX.

LIST A

IMPORT DUTIES, BELGO-LUXEMBURG ECONOMIC UNION.

No. in the Belgian tariff	Description of goods	Duties and agreed coefficients		
		Basis	Duty	Coefficient
ex 117 ex 265	Olive oil Other wines containing not more than 21° of alcohol (Gay-Lussac alcoholometer) at a temperature of 15° centigrade :	100 kg.	Fr. c. 15.—	1.2
	(a) In bottles :			
	(2) unlabelled	Hectolitre	260.—	
	(b) Imported otherwise than in bottles :			
	Ex (1) not containing more than 12° alcohol (Gay-Lussac alcoholometer) at a temperature of 15° centigrade	—	62.—	
382	Prepared medicaments, medicaments made up in doses and pharmaceutical specialities.	Value	¹ 15 %	
452	Perfumery :			
	(a) Containing alcohol	—	² 22 %	
	(b) Not containing alcohol	—	20 %	
467	Hides, varnished or lacquered	100 kg.	125.—	2
490	Fur skins prepared or made up	Value	22 %	
613	Corsets	—	20 %	
ex 624	Blankets and counterpanes for beds or other purposes ³ :			
	(b) Other varieties (including trimmed blankets)	—	20 %	
ex 704	Rubber tyres for vehicle wheels :			
	(b) pneumatic tyres :			
	(1) Covers for automobiles and motor cycles :			
	(a) With studded leather bands or other studding	100 kg.	150.—	2.5
	(b) Other kinds	—	140.—	2.5
	(2) Covers for other vehicles	—	120.—	2.5
	(3) Inner tubes for automobiles, motor cycles and other vehicles	—	200.—	2.5
708	Balloons (single and double) ; nozzles (canu- lae), clyster pumps and clyster pipes, finger- stalls, sponges ; injectors, douches, pessari- es, bulbs for injecting liquid or powder ; bulbs for horns ; pocket inhalers, oesophageal and urethral probes (catheters), syringes, gloves, rubber teats and similar articles	—	300.—	3
714	Pneumatic cushions, mattresses and pillows ; water bottles, ice-bags, pneumatic floating- boats and similar articles	—	300.—	3

¹ The duties are calculated according to the selling price indicated on the bottles, boxes, packets, etc. As regards products containing alcohol, the duty cannot be inferior to that leviable on the alcoholic products referred to in No. 269.

² The duties cannot be lower than the duties leviable on alcoholic liquids referred to in No. 269.

³ Not including blankets consisting of two layers of material and blankets stuffed with wadding or otherwise stuffed.

No. in the Belgian tariff	Description of goods	Duties and agreed coefficients		
		Basis	Duty	Coefficient
731	Ordinary packing paper and cardboard, in sheets or rolls, corrugated, goffered, folded, creased or even if reinforced with a second sheet of paper.	per 100 kg.	Fr. c.	
743	Laid or watermarked paper even in the pulp, and paper "à la molette": (a) With watermark in the centre (b) Other kinds.		6.—	3
750	Hand-made paper.	—	12.—	3
ex 783	(a) Fashion papers of which the paper weighs less than 200 grs. per square metre: (1) In one colour (2) In two colours (3) In three or more colours	—	20.—	3
867	Pig iron, crude.	—	50.—	
872	Iron, crude, rough-cast or in shingled lumps	—	70.—	
873	Crude-cast steel, in ingots	—	100.—	2.5
874	Cast steel, worked: (a) Slabs and blooms (b) Billets and largets	—	0.20	2.5
ex 903	Tools indicated below, with or without handles: (a) Circular saws (blades). (h) Endless saws (i) Straight saw blades, not mounted (j) Hand saws and mounted saws (q) Trowels, plasterers' polishers, hoes (s) Plane blades, carpenters' chisels, cold chisels, engraving tools, mortise axes, double-edged cutters, pipe cutters, drills, gimlets, augerbits and other tools not mentioned or included elsewhere, for the working by hand of wood, stone or metal	—	0.30	2.5
1012	Hairdressers' clippers	—	0.40	3
1015	Automatic or safety razors, and extra blades	—	0.60	2.5
1049	Jacquard looms	—	45.—	3
1050	Knitting or hosiery frames	—	60.—	3
1071	Circular ball or cylinder bearings, the balls or cylinders having a diameter: Of more than 5 mm. Of 5 mm. or less	—	30.—	3
1072	Balls (for ball bearings) of a diameter: Of over 5 mm. Of 5 mm. or less	—	80.—	3
ex 1100	Automobiles: Ex (a) Chassis with or without engine, with or without coach work, weighing per unit: From 2000-4000 kg. not intended for passengers Under 2000 kg.: (a) Entire chassis, without coach work weighing 1300 kg. or less (b) Entire chassis with coach work weighing 1800 kg. or less.	—	15.—	3
		—	100.—	3
		—	180.—	3
		—	120.—	2.8
		—	160.—	3.6
		—	160.—	3.6

LIST B.

Ex 72. — Maize flour.

Ex 76. — Maize groats.

The French Government shall lay down precise rules for distinguishing, by sifting, between maize flour and maize groats.

Ex 166 b. — Maize cake.

The exception made in respect of maize cake shall be extended to cake containing not more than 50 % starch.

175. — Statuary or other marbles.

177. — Worked stone, etc.

The small granite of Soignies, Maffles, Denée, Anthisnes, Sprimont, Aysaille, Poulseur and Tournai shall be regarded as Ecaussines granite.

466. — Books in the French language.

466b. — Books in dead or foreign languages.

Liturgical books, prayer-books, missals, breviaries in French or in Latin, in ordinary or morocco binding, shall, when imported under the minimum tariff, be entitled to freedom from duty on their total weight.

491. — Soft morocco leather goods.

Hat leather with a border or fringe, which has hitherto been regarded as "other made-up articles of machine-made cotton lace" shall also come under this heading.

*MODUS VIVENDI*¹

BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE BELGO-LUXEMBURG ECONOMIC UNION, DATED APRIL 4, 1925.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUCHESS OF LUXEMBURG in so far as the interests of the Grand Duchy are concerned, being desirous of reducing to a minimum the obstacles to trade between the High Contracting Parties, have, without prejudice to the provisions of the *modus vivendi* of 1892 under which each of the two countries accords to the other general most-favoured-nation treatment, and the provisions of the *modus vivendi* of October 14, 1924, agreed on the following stipulations:

Article 1.

Subject to the rights of the Belgian and Luxemburg Parliaments, the products enumerated in List A annexed hereto originating in and coming from France or the French colonies, possessions and protectorates, shall, on importation into the territory of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, be entitled to the duties and coefficients specified in this list.

Article 2.

(1) The products enumerated in List B annexed hereto originating in and coming from the Belgo-Luxemburg Union and the Belgian Congo shall, on their importation into France and into the French colonies, possessions and protectorates having the same Customs regime as the mother-country, be entitled to the duties and coefficients specified in this list.

¹ Came into force provisionally September 2, 1925.

(2) The French Government shall take no steps to increase the duties and coefficients to which the products enumerated in List C are at present subject.

The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of the present Article shall remain applicable until the completion of the Customs revision which is now under consideration by the French Parliament, and in the case of paragraph 2 shall not affect the right of the French Government to include proposals for the modification of the duties on goods specified in List C in the revision proposals.

(3) In principle, the French Government undertakes not to modify the duties and coefficients relating to the products enumerated in List D, pending the revision of the French tariff, but reserves the right to make such modifications on the occasion of negotiations with a third country.

Article 3.

The duties on the articles in Lists A, B, C and D shall remain in force as long as the prices of these products in the national market do not increase by more than 20 % as compared with the prices ruling at the date of the signature of the present instrument, or as long as the conditions of their production or marketing remain substantially the same.

Should any such increases or modifications occur, each of the High Contracting Parties shall be free to adapt its duties to the new conditions without, however, increasing the margin of protection afforded to any product as a result of the relation between the duty laid down by the present instrument and the current price of the goods on the date of signature.

Article 4.

The French Government agrees to include the following in the list of goods in respect of which proof of origin is not required on importation into France :

- (a) Superphosphates originating in the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union and imported in sacks bearing Belgian or Luxemburg trade marks.
- (b) Starch, fruits and vegetables preserved in tins or glass receptacles provided that their immediate wrappings bear Belgian or Luxemburg trade-marks in indelible characters.
- (c) Tiles of compressed cement, arms, safes, motor-cars, motor-cycles and sidecars, musical instruments, stoves, fireplaces and heaters, kitchen-ranges and kitcheners of cast and sheet iron, machinery and apparatus and rails, on condition that these products bear an indelible Belgian or Luxemburg trade-mark.

It is understood that in all cases the Customs authorities shall retain the right to have the goods subjected to expert examination as provided by law when the origin of the consignments appears doubtful.

Article 5.

In order not to disturb the pre-war commercial movement of goods and in order to facilitate the reconstitution of the live stock destroyed during hostilities, the High Contracting Parties agree that during the validity of the present Agreement and for a period not exceeding two years from the date of its coming into force, the following products shall be entitled to the Customs regime laid down in the present Article and shall be included in List B. This regime shall only be applicable provided they are consigned to the departments of the Moselle, the Bas-Rhin and the Haut-Rhin and are imported over the frontier between the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the Moselle :

2,000 horses — minimum tariff rate without coefficient.

10,000 hectolitres of milk supplied under contract for feeding the population within
25 kilometres of the frontier — duty free.
750 tons of tanning bark — duty free.

The benefit of the reductions contemplated in the present Article shall be granted in accordance with conditions to be determined by common agreement between the Customs authorities of the two countries.

Article 6.

Each of the High Contracting Parties agrees to take legislative and administrative measures with a view to preventing the use of false appellations of origin for products of the wine industry in so far as they originate in the territory of one or other of the High Contracting Parties.

The import, warehousing, export, manufacture, circulation, sale or offering for sale of the products referred to above shall be prevented by seizure and other appropriate remedies if any marks, names, devices or descriptions whatsoever, constituting deliberately false indications of the origin of such products, are found on the casks, bottles, wrappings or cases containing them.

The goods complained of shall be seized on the initiative of the administration or on the application of the public prosecutor's department or of an interested party, whether individual, company or syndicate, in conformity with the legislation of each of the High Contracting Parties.

The prohibition to employ a regional or production appellation to describe products other than those which are justly entitled thereto shall be operative even when the genuine origin of the products is mentioned, or false appellations are accompanied by certain rectifications such as "class", "type", "style" or similar expressions.

Nothing in the present Article shall exempt the vendor of a product of the wine industry from the obligation to indicate his name and address on the receptacle in all cases. In the absence of a regional appellation he shall be obliged to supplement his address by an indication of the country of origin in clear characters whenever, owing to the name of the locality or any other indication in the address, there might be confusion with a locality or property situated in another country.

In the case of products of the wine industry, no appellation of origin of either of the High Contracting Parties, if it is duly protected in the producing country and if it has been regularly notified to the other Party, may be regarded as having a generic character nor may be declared to have become public property.

The delimitations and specifications referring to these appellations shall be recognised in the same manner.

The High Contracting Parties undertake to consider at a later date the possibility of extending the above provisions to all products other than products of the wine industry deriving their specific qualities from the soil or climate.

Article 7.

The present Agreement shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Paris. It shall have the same duration as the Convention of 1892 to which it is supplementary.

It shall come into force eight days after the exchange of ratifications. Nevertheless, the High Contracting Parties may agree to put into force by anticipation certain of its measures in so far as they are authorised thereto by their legislations.

Done in triplicate at Paris, April 4, 1925.

(L. S.) (Signed) HERRIOT.
(L. S.) (Signed) RAYNALDY.
(L. S.) (Signed) E. DE GAIFFIER.
(L. S.) (Signed) KAUFFMANN.

LIST A.

ANNEXED TO THE AGREEMENT OF 4 APRIL, 1925.

No. in Belgian tariff	Articles	Duty and agreed coefficients		
		Basis	Duty	Coefficient
126 (a)	Flowers, buds, foliage, leaves, grasses and branches, for bouquets or ornaments :		Fr. c.	
ex 233	(a) Fresh or merely dried	100 kg.	150.—	—
ex 264	Ex (b) Mushroom preserves	—	40.—	2
	Wines prepared with aromatic plants, quinine or other medicinal substances, testing not more than 21° by the Gay-Lussac alcoholometer at 15° C. :			
	(a) Imported in bottles	Hectolitre	380.—	—
265 (a) I	Sparkling wines in bottles	—	360.—	—
ex 307 (m)	Ordinary sulphuric acid, 60° Baumé or less		Free	
430	Ribbons, inked or impregnated with colours, for typewriters, calculating machines and the like.		10 % <i>ad valorem</i>	—
489	Fur simply dressed :			
	(a) Of rabbit or hare	Kilogr.	2.—	2
677	Wooden furniture, not specified elsewhere in the tariff :			
	(b) Other than chairs, veneered or double-veneered, of any kind of wood :			
	(1) Carved, inlaid, with marquetry work, decorated with mosaics, etc.	100 kg.	60.—	2.1
	(2) Moulded	—	20.—	2.2
	(3) Waxed or varnished	—	16.—	2.8
	(4) Other	—	16.—	1.1
	(c) Other than chairs, massive :			
	(1) Carved, inlaid, with marquetry work, decorated with mosaics, etc.	—	60.—	2.1
	(2) Moulded	—	20.—	2.2
	(3) Waxed or varnished	—	16.—	2.3
	(4) Other	—	12.—	1.5
ex 681	Clothes pegs (pinces à linge)	—	20.—	3
736	Greasy papers for copying, for tracing from pencil, ink, or typewriting, known as carbon papers	—	40.—	2
757 (a)	Paper, cards and envelopes for letters :			
	(a) In receptacles containing less than 500 articles, etc.	—	60.—	3

No. in Belgian tariff	Articles	Duty and agreed coefficients		
		Basis	Duty	Coefficient
767	Manufactures of paper or cardboard, carton-pierre, wood pulp, cellulose, vulcanised fibre or papier mâché, not specified or included elsewhere (in the tariff) :		Fr. c.	
	(b) Simply moulded, compressed or hardened, with or without reliefs . . .	100 kg.	16.—	3
776 and 783 (a)	Fashion journals.	—	Free	3
839	Photographic glass plates, sensitised	—	35.—	5
903 (d)	Sickles and scythes.	—	25.—	3
ex 903 (n)	Pliers and pincers of all kinds weighing each : Less than 1 kilogr.	—	20.—	3
ex 905	Tools not specified or included elsewhere :			
	Weighing less than 1 kg. each.	—	25.—	3
ex 936 (c)	Polished copper sheets for engraving and photo-engraving	—	20.—	3
ex 969 (c)	Polished zinc sheets for engraving and photo-engraving	—	12.—	3
ex 1100 (e)	Motor-car radiators weighing 50 kilogr. or more, and motor-car wheels weighing 25 kg. or more.	—	160.—	2.5
1016	Blades for razors, knives or scissors :			
	(a) Unworked and still bearing the casting or swagging seams	—	20.—	3
	(b) With the seams removed, without any other working	—	25.—	3
	(c) More finely worked, but not finished	—	60.—	4
ex 1018 (a)	Articles of lead, pure or alloyed with antimony or zinc	—	400.—	—
ex 1153 (c) (1)	Light shoes known as "Strasburg", weighing less than 250 gr. per pair	—	200.—	3
ex 1154 (b) (2)	Tennis shoes with rubber soles	Per pair	0.75	3
1155	ex (b) Bathing shoes (rubber)	100 kg.	100.—	3
1049	Jacquard looms	—	20.—	2
1050	Knitting and hosiery frames.	—	15.—	2
1052	Machines for making tulle, embroideries, lace and guipure	—	15.—	1.8

LIST B.

ANNEXED TO THE AGREEMENT OF APRIL 4, 1925.

No. in French tariff	Articles	Duty and agreed coefficients		
		Basis	Duty	Coefficient
ex 1	Horses born and reared in Belgium or Luxembourg, of the Brabant, Flemish or Ardennes types, or crosses of these types with one another : (1) Imported into France to assist in restoring the stock destroyed during the war, within the limit of a contingent of not more than 4,000 head, and subject to proofs to be agreed upon by the two Governments (2) Imported into France over the Luxembourg-Moselle frontier to a maximum number of 2,000 head under the conditions fixed by Article 4 of the present Agreement		Fr. c.	
			Minimum tariff rates without coefficient	
ex 35	Milk imported over the Luxembourg-Moselle frontier, under contract for feeding the population of a zone within 25 km. of the frontier to a maximum amount of 10,000 hectolitres, and subject to conditions fixed in Article 4 of the present Agreement. . .		Free	
ex 84	Forced grapes and fruits	}	Minimum tariff rates without coefficient.	
ex 154	Tanbark imported over the Luxembourg-Moselle frontier, to a maximum amount of 750 tons, under the conditions fixed in Article 4 of the present Agreement		Free	
ex 168	(1) Living hot-house and green-house plants, plants in clusters known as "plantes molles", for the decoration of gardens and needing shelter in winter (2) Flower bulbs, bulbous plants, hyacinths, tulips, plants with rhizome, lilies of the valley and similar plants	100 kg.	8.—	—
		—	8.—	—
ex 170	Chemical cellulose pulp, wet	—	1.—	3
ex 461 <i>quater</i>	Paper sensitised with silver or platinum salts, in sheets or rolls, weighing less than 350 gr. per sq. metre	—	200.—	3.8

No. in French tariff	Articles	Duty and agreed coefficients		
		Basis	Duty	Coefficient
ex 46r (continued)	Paper and board sensitised with silver or platinum salts, weighing more than 250 gr. per sq. metre	100 kg.	Fr. c. 170.—	3.8
592	Furniture other than of bentwood, except chairs, of any kind of wood, and separate pieces and parts :			
	Carved, inlaid with marquetry work, decorated with mosaic, ornamented with metal, gilt, silvered or lacquered.	—	125.—	—
	Moulded, varnished, waxed	—	45.—	—
	Other	—	18.—	—
ex 58r	Commercial firearms :			
	Sporting guns, carbine and pistols, muzzle-loading	Kilogr.	7.—	—
	Sporting guns (including duck guns), breech-loading :			
	Pin-firing	—	12.—	—
	Central-firing :			
	With hammers :			
	With double lever (Lepage)	—	15.—	—
	With round mark (top) and round barrels	—	18.—	—
	With round drop-down mark (top), elongated or Greener bands with smooth barrels	—	25.—	—
	With triple bolt, smooth barrels and fitted actions, forward action	—	27.—	—
	Without ejector :			
	With or without actions	—	28.—	—
	Hammerless, without actions.	—	45.—	—
	With ejector :			
	With mechanism on actions	—	75.—	—
	Automatic or semi-automatic repeaters .	—	37.—	—
	Single-shot guns transformed from military arms.	—	8.—	—
	Various arms :			
	Smooth-bore carbines :			
	Calibre 6 to 9 mm. inclusive	—	10.—	—
	Calibre 12 to 14 mm. inclusive	—	15.—	—
	Rifled-bore carbines, weighing :			
	1.5 kilogs. or less.	—	10.—	—
	More than 1.5 kilogs. and not more than 2.5 kilogr	—	15.—	—
	More than 2.5 kilogr.	—	17.50	—
	Automatic or semi-automatic repeaters .	—	20.—	—
	Walking-stick guns	—	15.—	—
	Revolvers	—	15.—	—
	Automatic pistols, repeater or other	—	30.—	—
	Carbines, pistols and other arms using springs, compressed air, liquefied gas, etc., as propellant	—	12.—	—
	Gun barrels and parts of arms, rough from forging	—	1.50	—

No. in French tariff	Articles	Duty and agreed coefficients		
		Basis	Duty	Coefficient
	Other unassembled parts of arms, rough from forging :		Fr. c.	
	Unthreaded tubes of gun barrels	—	20.—	—
	Other parts	—	42.—	—
	Groups of parts fitted together, other than those rough from forging, such as drop-down barrels, actions, trigger-guards, etc. .			
		Duties on the kind of arms to which they appertain.		

LIST C.

ANNEXED TO THE AGREEMENT OF APRIL 4, 1925.

No. in French tariff	Articles
ex 45	Fresh sea fish.
ex 158	Preserved vegetables, peas and French beans.
ex 224	Zinc, unworked and rolled.
069	Silicates of potash and soda.
ex 073	Sulphuric acid of a strength of 65 per cent. or less.
081	Sulphide of sodium.
0100	Chloride of barium.
ex 0102 <i>ter</i>	Natural ground sulphate of baryta.
ex 0179	Naphthalene, benzine, xylene, toluene.
0217	Oleic acid of animal origin, other than that from fish fat.
0219	Stearic acid.
ex 317	Roast or ground chicory.
461 <i>bis</i>	Wall paper.
ex 468	Fashion periodicals.
ex 469	Engravings, simili-engravings, etc., except illustrated postcards and decalcomania pictures.
ex 484	Sewn gloves of the skins of kids and young goats.
525 <i>quinquies</i>	Loading apparatus for blast furnaces, etc.
539	Clichés, plates and dyes for printing on paper, except wall paper obtained by photo-mechanical processes.
ex 575	Brass wood screws.

LIST D.

ANNEXED TO THE AGREEMENT OF APRIL 4, 1925.

No. in French tariff	Articles
ex 183	Paving stones of natural stone.
ex 184 <i>bis</i>	Lime, hydraulic.
ex 185	Cement.
ex 462	Cardboard, rough.

PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE.

A. — As regards the application of the provisions of the Agreement concluded between them on to-day's date, the High Contracting Parties have agreed and decided to put into force immediately :

(1) Article 4 exempting from proof of origin certain goods on importation into France ;

(2) Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 2 ;

(3) The granting of exemptions in respect of the prohibition to export gun-stocks, sawn, rough-shaped or finished, furnished or not with parts of metal, of a thickness exceeding 37 mm. The procedure to be followed shall be determined by the French Government and notified to the Belgian Government.

B. — The French Government is prepared, subject to the conditions laid down by the legislation in force, to grant immediately licences for the export of a quota of 2,500 head of cattle.

C. — The French Government shall take immediate steps in regard to administrative measures relating to devotional books and to bricks of slag referred to in the letters exchanged on to-day's date.

D. — The Belgian Government for its part assumes the same obligation in respect of concessions granted through administrative channels, viz. those relating to goose-liver paste imported in pots, sweet biscuits imported in half-tins, natural spirits imported in casks with a view to warehousing in bottles, free samples of pharmaceutical specialities, and booksellers' catalogues.

E. — The Belgian Government further declares that its acceptance of the French Government's request regarding waterproof telephonic apparatus, wall pictures for educational purposes, speedometers of the magnetic or electro-magnetic type, and cycle brakes and shock-absorbers for motor-cars, shall be notified to the French Government through the diplomatic channel.

Done at Paris, April 4, 1925.

(L. S.) (Signed) HERRIOT.

(L. S.) (Signed) RAYNALDY.

(L. S.) (Signed) E. DE GAIFFIER.

(L. S.) (Signed) KAUFFMANN.

LETTERS ANNEXED TO THE AGREEMENT OF APRIL 4, 1925.

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M. HERRIOT, PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO
M. DE GAIFFIER D'HESTROY, AMBASSADOR OF H.M. THE KING OF THE BELGIANS AT PARIS.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

PARIS, *April 4, 1925.*

In the course of the negotiations which preceded the conclusion of the Economic agreement signed at Paris on April 4, 1925, the delegates of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union were good enough to inform the French experts that the following measures would be taken in the territory of the said Union through the administrative channel with regard to the application of the Customs tariff.

TARES.

Goose-liver paste (tariff No. 209 *a*).

Apart from the outer wrapping a tare allowance of 15 % shall be made in determining the dutiable weight of goose-liver paste in pots.

Biscuits (tariff No. 207).

Biscuits in tins of a capacity of more than five cubic decimetres shall not be subject to the provisions of Note 4 to tariff No. 1216 *b*, which provides that the dutiable weight is to include the immediate containers which pass into the hands of the buyer at the same time as the goods they contain.

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- (1) Catalogues inserted in books and publications ;
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Samples of pharmaceutical specialities may be freely imported provided that :

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I should be glad if you would confirm the agreement reached on these various points.

I further have the honour to confirm that the French Government agrees to extend to devotional books in French and Latin the exemption provided by the *modus vivendi* of October 24, 1924, in favour of liturgical books (missals, prayer-books, breviaries), the term "devotional books" being understood to mean works to enable worshippers to follow the church service (*i.e.*, containing for example morning and evening prayers, masses and vespers, etc.), even if these prayers are followed by a longer section such as *Introduction to the Devout Life, Imitation of Jesus Christ, Meditations on the Gospel*, etc.

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Furthermore, bricks of slag (*laitier, scories et mâchefer*) in which cement is used only as a binding medium, shall be classified as "solid bricks of all shapes and sizes" (tariff No. 181).

I have the honour to request you to be good enough to confirm your agreement on these points also.

(Signed) HERRIOT.

M. DE GAIFFIER D'HESTROY, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR AT PARIS,
TO THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PARIS, April 4, 1925.

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I have the honour to confirm my Government's agreement on these various points.

At the same time I desire to thank you for having confirmed that the French Government undertakes to extend to devotional books in French and Latin the exemption provided by the *modus vivendi* of October 24, 1924, in favour of liturgical books (missals, prayer-books, breviaries), the term " devotional books " being understood to mean works to enable worshippers to follow the church service (*i.e.*, containing for example morning and evening prayers, masses and vespers, etc.), even if these prayers are followed by a longer section such as *Introduction to the Devout Life*, *Imitation of Jesus Christ*, *Meditations on the Gospel*, etc.

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The Royal Government is entirely in agreement on these points.

(Signed) E. DE GAIFFIER.

M. HERRIOT, PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
TO M. DE GAIFFIER D'HESTROY, AMBASSADOR OF H. M. THE KING OF THE BELGIANS AT PARIS.

PARIS, April 4, 1925.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

On the occasion of the recent negotiations for the conclusion of a *modus vivendi* between the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union and France, explanations were given to the French delegation with regard to the Customs classification of certain goods.

In a letter of to-day's date you were good enough to confirm the information in question as shown in the annexed table.

I have the honour to inform you that the French Government is in agreement with the Belgian Government on these different points.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) HERRIOT.

TABLE ANNEXED (to the above letter).

Articles	No. of Belgian Customs tariff applicable
Water-proof telephonic apparatus (used principally in mines) :	
Imported put together or not in their waterproof boxes	1088
Waterproof boxes, imported separately :	
(a) Wholly of cast iron, wrought iron or steel and not having any electrician's	
work :	
— Non-malleable cast iron predominating in weight.	1074 (a)
— Malleable cast iron, wrought iron or steel predominating in weight.	1074 (b)
(b) Composed or made up otherwise	1089
Speedometers of the magnetic or electro-magnetic type	1089
Cycle brakes and shock absorbers for motor-cars	1101
Pictures with explanatory text, for teaching, with or without samples (zoological, botanical, mineralogical, etc., pictures)	1214