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**UNION ÉCONOMIQUE
BELGO-LUXEMBOURGEOISE
ET LITHUANIE**

Convention commerciale provisoire.
Signée à Kaunas, le 16 août 1928.

**ECONOMIC UNION OF
BELGIUM AND LUXEMBURG
AND LITHUANIA**

Provisional Commercial Agreement.
Signed at Kaunas, August 16,
1928.

¹ TRADUCTION. — TRANSLATION.

No. 1849. — PROVISIONAL COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC UNION OF BELGIUM AND LUXEMBURG AND LITHUANIA. SIGNED AT KAUNAS, AUGUST 16, 1928.

French official text communicated by the Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. The registration of this Agreement took place October 5, 1928.

Being desirous of establishing commercial relations between the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union and Lithuania on a satisfactory basis, THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT, acting on ITS OWN BEHALF AND, IN VIRTUE OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS, ON BEHALF OF THE LUXEMBURG GOVERNMENT, AND THE LITHUANIAN GOVERNMENT, have agreed to conclude a provisional commercial agreement as follows :

Article 1

Nationals, companies and products of the soil and industry of either of the Contracting Parties shall enjoy in the territory of the other the same advantages as nationals, companies and goods of the most favoured nation. This treatment shall be applied in all matters relating to the exercise of trade, navigation and industry, to the right to acquire and possess movable and immovable property, to taxes and other charges of every kind, requisitions, the activities of commercial travellers and the regulations concerning samples, import, export and transit prohibitions and the enforcement of such prohibitions, excise and commodity duties, import duties, including all coefficients of increase, export duties and charges and Customs formalities.

It is understood that nothing in the above provisions shall affect the application of the passport regulations in force in Belgium, in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and in Lithuania (travelling, transit and residence visas and fees in respect of their issue).

Article 2.

The ships of either Party and their cargos shall be treated in the territory of the other Party on the same footing as ships of the most favoured nation and their cargoes. The right to engage in the coasting trade does not come under this provision.

Article 3.

The Contracting Parties undertake to allow free transit through their territories to passengers, goods, ships, boats, waggons and postal parcels going to or coming from their respective countries.

¹ Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations, à titre d'information.

¹ Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations, for information.

Goods in transit shall not be subject to any transit duties whatever. On the railways, the aforesaid goods and waggons shall enjoy, as regards consignment and costs of transport, the same treatment as is accorded to nationals, or to subjects of the most favoured nation.

Article 4.

It is understood that the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union cannot claim any special advantages which are or may hereafter be granted by Lithuania to Estonia or Latvia, so long as the same privileges have not been extended to any third country. Similarly, the benefit of the above provisions shall not extend to any special privileges which are or may hereafter be granted as a result of an Economic Union, nor to any special régime which is or may hereafter be established by either of the Parties for the purpose of facilitating commercial relations with the adjacent States within a zone of an average breadth of not more than 15 kilometres on either side of the frontier.

Article 5.

The foregoing provisions shall come into force as from the date of signature of the present Convention, and shall remain in operation until the coming into force of definitive treaties of commerce and navigation and of establishment to be concluded between the two Parties.

It is understood, however, that either Party shall have the right to denounce the present Agreement, which will remain valid for a period of three months after it has been denounced.

In faith whereof the Belgian and Lithuanian Plenipotentiaries, provided with full powers found in good and due form, have signed the present Agreement and have hereto affixed their seals.

Done at Kaunas August 16, 1928.

(L. S.) (Signed) F. DE SELYS-FANSON.

(L. S.) (Signed) D^r ZAUNIUS.