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AUTRICHE ET FRANCE

Arrangement concernant le traitement préférentiel des bois autrichiens. Signé à Paris, le 29 décembre 1932.

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Agreement regarding the Preferential Treatment of Austrian Timber. Signed at Paris, December 29th, 1932.

¹ TRADUCTION. — TRANSLATION.No. 3394. — AGREEMENT² BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OF AUSTRIAN TIMBER. SIGNED AT PARIS, DECEMBER 29TH, 1932.

French official text communicated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the French Republic. The registration of this Agreement took place April 7th, 1934.

The FRENCH GOVERNMENT, desirous of assisting in the economic revival of Austria, whose special position was recognised by the Commission of Enquiry for European Union at its session in Geneva (May 15th-21st, 1931), is prepared, on a strictly temporary and exceptional basis, to take the necessary steps in order that a fixed quantity of Austrian timber may be imported into France under the following conditions :

(1) Austria shall continue to enjoy a quota proportionate to her exports for 1925 to 1929, to the same extent as other countries ;

(2) The additional quota of 19,000 tons per quarter allotted to her by the Arrangement of March 21st, 1932, is reduced to 9,000 tons per quarter, it being understood that the guarantee of a total minimum quota of 38,000 tons per quarter is maintained ;

(3) The timber imported shall, on entry into France, pay the duties of the minimum tariff without any reduction ;

(4) The French Government shall remit to the Austrian Government, through the Compensation Office, a rebate of 5 francs per quintal of quota timber imported, on the amount of the Customs duties collected ;

(5) The Austrian Government undertakes to adopt all the necessary measures to prevent such timber being offered on the French market at prices lower than those normally obtained for equivalent qualities ;

(6) Should the French Government abolish the quota system for timber, the rebate provided for in paragraph 4 shall continue to apply to a quarterly amount of Austrian timber equivalent to that granted to Austria during the last quarter preceding the abolition of the quota system ;

(7) It is understood that the preferential system instituted by the present Agreement cannot, in view of the present state of the French timber market, be extended to other countries for any reason whatsoever ;

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.

² The exchange of ratifications took place March 8th, 1934.
Came into force March 23rd, 1934.

Consequently, should the application of the system set forth in the present Agreement be claimed by another country, the Austrian Government undertakes to do everything in its power, in agreement with the French Government, to bring about the withdrawal of such a demand ;

(8) The present Agreement is concluded for three years. It may be renewed after agreement between the two Governments, if circumstances so demand. After signature, it shall be submitted to the Commission of Enquiry for European Union. It shall come into force a fortnight after its ratification by the two Contracting Parties.

In faith whereof the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, being duly authorised, have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done at Paris, in duplicate, December 29th, 1932.

(Signed) PAUL-BONCOUR.
Julien DURAND.

(Signed) SCHMID.
SCHÜLLER.