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**GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET IRLANDE DU NORD
ET ITALIE**

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Signé à Londres, le 18 mars 1938.

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No. 4334. — COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. SIGNED AT LONDON, MARCH 18TH, 1938.

English and Italian official texts communicated by His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Great Britain. The registration of this Agreement took place April 14th, 1938.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and THE ROYAL ITALIAN GOVERNMENT desiring, in view of the signature this day of an Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Amending Agreement") modifying the Clearing Agreement¹ signed on the 6th November, 1936, to replace the Commercial Agreement² signed on the same date in connection with the said Clearing Agreement, have agreed as follows :

Article 1.

(1) The Italian Government will authorise the importation into Italy of goods, other than coal as defined in the Amending Agreement, originating in and consigned from the United Kingdom, in conformity with the quotas indicated in the Annex to this Agreement.

(2) Unless otherwise agreed between the two Governments in respect of goods in which the trade is seasonal, annual quotas will be allocated, as a rule, to the extent of one-half to each half-year. Any part of the quotas which may not be utilised by the 30th June will, in the absence of a contrary understanding between the two Governments, be carried forward to be added to the quotas for the next six months for the same merchandise or, as may be agreed between the two Governments, for other merchandise.

(3) If, during the first six months of any year, imports from the United Kingdom of any class or category of goods are admitted into Italy in excess of the importations provided for in the foregoing paragraphs of this Article, the quotas for the classes or categories of merchandise concerned will, in the absence of a contrary understanding between the two Governments, be correspondingly reduced in the next six months.

(4) Such excess importations shall not, except by agreement between the two Governments, be allowed when there is any delay in the transfer into sterling of lire deposits in the Lire Sub-Account " D " referred to in Article 2 of the Amending Agreement.

Article 2.

(1) The Italian Government will authorise the importation into Italy of Newfoundland codfish and stockfish to a value (c.i.f.) of 14,500,000 lire per annum.

¹ Vol. CLXXVII, page 183 ; and Vol. CLXXXV, page 466, of this Series.

² Vol. CLXXVII, page 169, of this Series.

(2) The quota prescribed in the preceding paragraph will, as a rule, be divided into two half-yearly quotas. Any part of the quota which may not be utilised by the 30th June will, in the absence of a contrary understanding between the two Governments, be carried forward to be added to the quota fixed for the next six months.

(3) If, during the first six months of any year, imports of Newfoundland codfish and stockfish are admitted into Italy in excess of the importations provided for in the foregoing paragraphs of this Article, the quota for the next six months will, in the absence of a contrary understanding between the two Governments, be correspondingly reduced.

(4) The provisions of this Article shall apply only to imports of codfish and stockfish which are accompanied by a certificate of the Newfoundland Department of Natural Resources that the fish imported are of Newfoundland catching.

Article 3.

(1) This Agreement shall come into force on the 28th March, 1938. As from this date, it shall replace the Commercial Agreement between the United Kingdom and Italy of the 6th November, 1936, which shall then cease to have effect.

(2) This Agreement shall remain in force until the 31st December, 1938, and after this date it shall continue in force unless denounced.

(3) Notice of denunciation may be given by either of the two Contracting Governments at any time. If such notice is given on or before the 30th November, 1938, it shall take effect on the 31st December, 1938; if notice is given after the 30th November, 1938, denunciation shall take effect as follows:

(a) If notice is given between the 1st December of any year and the following 31st May, it shall take effect on the following 30th June;

(b) If notice is given between the 1st June and the 30th November of any year, it shall take effect on the following 31st December.

In faith whereof the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done in duplicate in London, the 18th March, 1938, in English and Italian, both texts being equally authentic.

For the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland:

HALIFAX.

For Italy:

Guido CROLLA.

ANNEX.

List of Quotas (c.i.f.) for United Kingdom Imports into Italy of Goods other than Coal.

PART A.

No. in the Italian Tariff	Class of Goods	Yearly Quota (c.i.f. value) Lire
34 (a) 2, 3	Codfish and stockfish	2,900,000 ¹
34 (a) 4, 5	Herrings and pilchards	11,600,000 ¹
152, ex 154	Linen yarns	3,000,000
211, 212, 214 (a), ex 951	Wool (excluding mattress wool) ; wool waste and borra ; other animal hair, raw ; and woollen rags	42,000,000
218 to 245	Tissues and other manufactures of wool, of horse hair and of hair	24,000,000
274 (c)	Lead ore	4,000,000
278, 279	Scrap iron, cast iron and steel scrap	3,500,000
281, 285, 286 to 289, 297 to 300	Ferro-alloys ; common steel in blooms and billets ; common iron and steel and special steel in bars or rods ; iron and steel in sheets	7,000,000
403, 418, 419, 453, 457, 460, 466	Machines, apparatus and parts thereof	24,000,000
556	China clay	5,800,000
558	Potter's clay and refractory earths	2,400,000
781, 782	Pharmaceutical preparations and medicinal specialities	1,600,000

¹ At the option of the Italian Government the value of the quota for codfish and stockfish may be used to increase the quota in respect of herrings and pilchards.

PART B.

(1) Imports of the following classes of merchandise will be admitted up to a value (c.i.f.) in lire representing the following percentages of the value (c.i.f.) in lire of goods of such classes originating in and consigned from the United Kingdom and imported into Italy in the corresponding period of 1934 :

No. in the Italian Tariff	Class of Goods	Percentage
160, 161, 164 to 171	Tissues and other manufactures of linen, hemp and jute .	70
190 to 198	Tissues and other manufactures of cotton	70
294 to 296, 301 to 309, 313 to 348	Manufactures of iron and steel	60

(2) Imports of all merchandise not specified under A or B (1) above will be admitted up to a value (c.i.f.) in lire representing 40 per cent. of the value (c.i.f.) in lire of goods of such classes originating in and consigned from the United Kingdom and imported into Italy in the year 1934 or the corresponding period of the year 1934, as the case may be.

PART C.

Imports additional to the above quotas, or imports of classes of merchandise which were not imported into Italy from the United Kingdom in the year 1934 or in the corresponding period of 1934, as the case may be, may be admitted for any class of merchandise up to an aggregate value (c.i.f.) of 15.8 million lire per annum.