

COUNCIL DECISION**of 14 October 1963****on the conclusion of a Trade Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Imperial Government of Iran****(63/574/EEC)****THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,****Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 111, 114 and 228 thereof;****Having regard to the Council Decision of 1 and 2 April 1963 authorizing the Commission to open negotiations with Iran for the conclusion of a Trade Agreement;****Having regard to the Council Decision of 30 and 31 May 1963 by which the Commission was given a further mandate to pursue such negotiations;****Having regard to the report by the Commission,****HAS DECIDED:***Article 1***A Trade Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iran, the text of which is annexed to this Decision, concluded on behalf of the Community.***Article 2***The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the persons empowered to sign the Agreement and to confer on them the powers required in order to bind the Community.****Done at Brussels, 14 October 1963.***For the Council**The President***L. de BLOCK**

ANNEX

Trade Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Imperial Government of Iran

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, of the one part, and

THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, of the other part,

DETERMINED to consolidate and extend the economic and trade relations existing between Iran and the Member Countries of the European Economic Community;

RECOGNIZING the importance of the harmonious development of trade between the Contracting Parties;

HAVE DECIDED to conclude a Trade Agreement and to this end have designated as their Plenipotentiaries;

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY:

Mr Leo de Block, President in Office of the Council of the European Economic Community and Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands;

Mr Walter Hallstein, President of the Commission of the European Economic Community;

THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN:

Mr Ali Naghi Alikhani, Minister for Economic Affairs;

Mr Khosrow Hedayat, Ambassador, Head of the Mission of the Imperial Government of Iran to the European Communities;

Who have agreed as follows:

Article I

For the period of this Agreement the Common Customs Tariff duties of the European Economic Community on the products listed in the following table shall be suspended at the levels indicated therein.

CCT heading No	Description	Rate
58.01A	Carpets, carpeting and rugs, of wool or of fine animal hair, knotted	32 % with a maximum of 4.5 u.a./m ²
08.04B	Dried grapes	7.2 %
08.12A	Dried apricots	7 %
ex 16.04A	Caviar (sturgeon roe)	24 %

Article II

The Community undertakes to open each year and, on conditions which it shall lay down, to apportion among the Member States a non-discriminatory tariff quota for dried grapes (subheading No 08.04 B)¹, equal to 15% by volume of annual imports from third countries not associated with the Community, based on the latest available Community statistics.

The customs duties to be applied in each of the Member States of the Community to imports under the quota shall be calculated on the basis of the Common Customs Tariff suspended at 2%.

Article III

The Imperial Government of Iran shall give sympathetic consideration, in the context of its programmes for economic development, to opportunities for the harmonious expansion of trade with the Community and declares its readiness to study such opportunities in the Joint Committee provided for in Article IV.

Article IV

A Joint Committee shall be established consisting of representatives of the Community and representatives of the Imperial Government of Iran. The Joint Committee shall ensure the proper execution of the Agreement and shall study the development of trade between the Community and Iran; it may suggest to the competent authorities means for the improvement thereof.

1. Provided these products are imported in packages not exceeding 15 kg.

The Joint Committee shall meet once a year. Extraordinary meetings may be called by mutual agreement in urgent cases at the request of one of the Contracting Parties.

The Chairmanship shall be held alternately by each delegation.

Article V

This Agreement is concluded for three years. It may be extended for periods of one year by agreement between the two Parties.

Article VI

This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 December 1963, corresponding to the tenth day of Azar in the year 1342 of the Iranian calendar.

Article VII

This Agreement is drawn up in two copies in the Dutch, French, German, Italian and Persian languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed this Agreement.

Done at Brussels on the fourteenth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, corresponding to the twenty-second day of Mehre in the year one thousand three hundred and forty-two of the Iranian calendar.
