

COMMERCE

Agreement signed at Washington May 22, 1899

Ratified by Portugal

Proclaimed by the President of the United States June 12, 1900

Entered into force June 12, 1900

Extended to Puerto Rico by amendatory agreement of November 19, 1902¹

Terminated August 7, 1910²

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The President of the United States of America and His Most Faithful Majesty the King of Portugal and of the Algarves, equally animated by the desire to confirm the good understanding existing between them and to increase the commercial intercourse of the two countries, have deemed it expedient to enter into a reciprocal commercial Agreement to that end; and they have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries for that purpose, to wit:

The President of the United States of America, the Honorable John A. Kasson, Special Commissioner Plenipotentiary: and

His Most Faithful Majesty, the Viscount de Santo-Thyrso, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington:

Who, after an exchange of their respective full Powers, found to be in due and proper form, have agreed upon the following Articles:

ARTICLE I

Upon the following articles of commerce being the product of the soil or industry of Portugal or of the Azores and Madeira Islands imported into the United States the present rates of duty shall be reduced and shall hereafter be as follows, namely:

Upon argols, or crude tartar, or wine lees, five per centum ad valorem.

Upon still wines in casks, thirty-five cents per gallon; in bottles, per case of one dozen bottles, containing each not more than one quart and more than one pint, or twenty-four bottles containing not more than one pint, one dollar and twenty-five cents per case; and any excess beyond these quantities found in such bottles shall be subject to a duty of four cents per pint or fractional

¹ TS 457, *post*, p. 310.

² Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States Aug. 7, 1909.

part thereof, but no separate or additional duty shall be assessed upon the bottles.

Upon sparkling wines, in bottles containing not more than one quart and more than one pint, six dollars per dozen; containing not more than one pint each and more than one-half pint, three dollars per dozen; containing one-half pint each or less, one dollar and fifty cents per dozen; in bottles or other vessels containing more than one quart each, in addition to six dollars per dozen bottles, on the quantities in excess of one quart, at the rate of one dollar and ninety cents per gallon.

Upon brandies or other spirits manufactured or distilled from grain or other materials, whether the product of Portugal or of the Portuguese Possessions, one dollar and seventy-five cents per proof gallon.

Upon paintings in oil or water colours, pastels, pen and ink drawings and statuary, fifteen per centum ad valorem.

ARTICLE II

Reciprocally and in consideration of the preceding concessions, upon the following articles of commerce being the products of the soil or industry of the United States imported into the Kingdom of Portugal and the Azores and Madeira Islands, the rates of duty shall be as low as those accorded to any other country (Spain and Brazil being excepted from this provision) namely:

Tariff No. 325 Flour of cereals, except wheat.

Tariff No. 326 Maize in the grain.

Tariff No. 327 Wheat in the grain.

Tariff No. 354 Lard and grease.

Tariff No. 97

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} Mineral oils, and their products not elsewhere specified in the Tariff.

Tariff No. 373. Reaping, mowing and thrashing machines, machines for compressing hay and straw, steam-plows, and separate parts of these machines and plow shares.

Tariff No. 386. Instruments, implements and tools for the arts, manufactories, agriculture, and gardening; and upon the following articles shall not exceed the rates hereinafter stated, namely:

Upon the foregoing machines and articles described in No. 373, five reis per kilogram.

Upon the instruments, implements and tools described above in No. 386, for use in agriculture and gardening, sixty reis per kilogram.

Upon lighter mineral oils for illuminating purposes (density of 0.780 up to 0.820; point of ignition from 37° up to 49°) forty-six reis per litre.

Upon medium mineral oils (density above 0.820 and up to 0.860; point of ignition from 50° up to 150°) fifty-two reis per kilogram.

Upon tar and mineral pitch ten reis per ton.

ARTICLE III

It is mutually understood that His Most Faithful Majesty's Government reserves the right, after three months prior notification to the United States Government of its intention to do so, to arrest the operation of this Convention in case the United States shall hereafter impose a duty upon crude cork or coffee being the product of Portugal or of the Portuguese Possessions, or shall give less favorable treatment to the following articles being the product of Portugal or of her Possessions than that accorded to the like articles being the product of any other country not under the control of the United States, namely: argols, crude tartar or wine lees; coffee; cacao; wines, brandies; cork, raw or manufactured; sardines and anchovies preserved; and fruits, not preserved; but in respect to fruits the United States reserves the right to make special arrangements applicable to any of the West India Islands.

ARTICLE IV

This Agreement shall be ratified by His Most Faithful Majesty so soon as possible, and upon official notice thereof the President of the United States shall issue his Proclamation giving full effect to the provisions of Article I of this Agreement. From and after the date of such Proclamation this Agreement shall be in full force and effect, and shall continue in force for the term of five years thereafter, and if not then denounced by either Party shall continue in force until one year from the time when one of the Parties shall have notified the other of its intention to arrest the operation thereof.

Done at Washington the twenty-second day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

JOHN A. KASSON [SEAL]
VISCONDE DE SANTO THYRSO [SEAL]