

## FOOD SUPPLY FOR IRAN

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### FOOD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN GOVERNMENT

The Government of the United States, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Imperial Iranian Government:

Considering that the responsibility of feeding the people of Iran rests primarily on the Imperial Iranian Government, but that it is desirable, inasmuch as war conditions may bring economic distress to the people of Iran and inasmuch as it is the general policy of the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom to safeguard the economic existence of the peoples of the Middle East against such distress, to take all possible steps to ensure the supply of cereals (wheat together with barley, rice and other adulterants) for the bread supply of the people of Iran until the gathering of the harvest in 1943, and

Having regard to the undertaking given by the Imperial Iranian Government to carry out:

(a) All measures recommended by the United States Adviser to the Ministry of Food, including measures to prevent hoarding and the introduction of rationing of foodstuffs, and

(b) All recommendations of the Road Transport Committee which are certified to be essential for the regulation of the means of road transport in Iran by the majority vote of the following three members of that Committee, namely, the Chairman appointed by the Imperial Iranian Government, and the members designated by the United States and British Ministers at Tehran respectively,

Have agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE I

If the Iranian Minister of Food, with the concurrence of the United States Adviser, and the United States and British Ministers at Tehran decide, by a majority vote, that they are satisfied that all practicable steps have been taken by the Imperial Iranian Government under their undertakings referred to above, and that nevertheless the supply of cereals within Iran for the bread supply of the people of Iran is insufficient to cover the minimum needs of the population of Iran for the current year ending with the gathering of the 1943 harvest, the Governments of the United States and of the United Kingdom will take all steps within the full limit of their powers to ensure that supplies of cereals will be brought to Iran from other sources sufficient to make up the deficiency.

## ARTICLE II

The Imperial Iranian Government are responsible

- (a) for the distribution of cereals within Iran,
- (b) for ensuring that a deficiency in one area is met by supplies from another area in Iran when the total supply of cereals within Iran is sufficient for the needs of the population of the country as a whole, and
- (c) for the distribution to necessitous areas of any supplies brought into Iran from other sources in fulfilment of the undertakings of the other two Governments in Article I above.

Recognising that the capacity of the Imperial Iranian Government to discharge its above-mentioned responsibilities is limited by the means of transport at its disposal, the Governments of the United States and of the United Kingdom will take all steps within the full limit of their powers, to ensure that the means of transport at the disposal of the Imperial Iranian Government shall be sufficient, if put to the best possible use, for the proper distribution of these cereals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised to this effect by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement and have affixed their seals.

DONE at Tehran, this fourth day of December, 1942, in triplicate, in English and in Persian, both texts being equally authentic.

On behalf of the Government of the United States of America.

[SEAL] LOUIS G. DREYFUS, Jr.

*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Iran of the United States of America*

On behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

[SEAL] R. W. BULLARD

*His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Iran*

On behalf of the Imperial Iranian Government.

[SEAL] M. SAED

*Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Imperial Iranian Government*