

**Exchange of Notes constituting an agreement between the government of Australia and  
the government of Greece regarding a gift of relief supplies to Greece  
(Sydney-Canberra, 1 July 1948)  
Entry into force 1 July 1948**

[Note from the Consul-General for Greece, Sydney to the Australian Minister for External Affairs]

I

ROYAL CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN AUSTRALIA  
Challis House  
10 Martin Place  
Sydney  
1 July 1948  
No. 728 A/9  
The Minister for External Affairs  
CANBERRA

Sir

I have the honour to record my Government's understanding of the arrangement agreed upon between the Governments of Australia and Greece relating to the provision of Australian supplies as a contribution to the solution of the economic difficulties confronting Greece, as follows:

1. The Government of Australia will furnish without charge to the Government of Greece supplies of such types and quantities as may be agreed upon by the Governments of Australia and Greece and also in relating thereto to pay the costs of procurement, storage, transportation and shipping to the port of entry into Greece.
2. The Government of Greece will from time to time submit in advance to the Government of Australia a statement of the types and qualities of supplies required which will be subject to screening and approval by the Government of Australia. Procurement will be authorised for the types and qualities of supplies so approved.
3. The Government of Australia will retain ownership of such supplies up to the time of their arrival in the port of entry into Greece.
4. Supplies provided by this agreement are given and will be used for relief needs in accordance with the principle reaffirmed in General Assembly resolution 48(1).
5. Such supplies will not be used for the maintenance of armed forces or any other military or similar purposes.
6. The Government of Greece will take appropriate steps to make known to the people of Greece the origin of the supplies and the purposes for which they are being provided by the Government of Australia.
7. This arrangement shall take effect as from this day's date.

I have the honour to suggest that this Note and your Note in similar terms of today's date shall be deemed to constitute and evidence the Arrangement agreed upon between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

[Signed:]

E C VRISAKIS  
Consul-General

[Note from the Australian Minister for External Affairs to the Consul-General for Greece, Sydney]

II

Department of External Affairs  
Canberra  
1 July 1948  
The Consul-General for Greece  
SYDNEY

Sir

I have the honour to record my Government's understanding of the arrangement agreed upon between the Governments of Australia and Greece relating to the provision of Australian supplies as a contribution to the solution of the economic difficulties confronting Greece, as follows:

[Here follows text as printed under I.]

I have the honour to agree with your suggestion that your Note and this Note shall be deemed to constitute and evidence the Arrangement agreed upon between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

[Signed:]

H V EVATT

Minister of State for External Affairs

[Note from the Secretary to the Australian Department of External Affairs to the Consul-General for Greece, Sydney]

III

Department of External Affairs  
Canberra  
29 September 1948  
The Consul-General for Greece  
SYDNEY

Sir

I have the honour to refer to your Note of 1 July 1948 recording your Government's understanding of the arrangements agreed upon between the Governments of Australia and Greece, relating to the provision of Australian supplies to Greece, and to your further communication to the Minister for Supply and Development dated 7 September indicating the desire of your Government in this connection to purchase [sterling]150,000 worth of Australian wool in lieu of other supplies.

In view of the fact that the original agreement was drawn up on the assumption that supplies other than wool were to be provided, it is felt that your concurrence should be sought to a modification of the agreement to suit the special circumstances connected with the purchase of wool in Australia. This modification would take the form of a supplementary clause in the following terms:

"The Government of Greece will nominate as its agent an Australian wool buying broker, such nomination to be subject to the approval of the Government of Australia. Such broker will be authorised to arrange, in consultation with and with the approval of the Government of Australia, for the procurement, storage, transportation and shipment of such wool."

The existing agreement will otherwise apply *mutatis mutandis*.

I should be grateful for your formal concurrence in this modification of the agreement.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

[Signed:]

(For the Acting Minister of State)

JOHN W BURTON  
Secretary

[Note from the Consul-General for Greece, Sydney, to the Secretary to the Australian  
Department of External Affairs]

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ROYAL CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN AUSTRALIA

Challis House  
10 Martin Place  
Sydney

6 October 1948

No. 1266 A/9

J W Burton Esq.

Secretary

Department of External Affairs

CANBERRA

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29 September relating to the provision of Australian supplies to Greece, and to inform you that on behalf of my Government, I agree to the following modification of relative agreement of 1 July 1948:

"The Government of Greece will nominate as its agent an Australian wool buying broker, such nominations to be subject to the approval of the Government of Australia. Such broker will be authorised to arrange in consultation with, and with the approval of the Government of Australia, for the procurement, storage, transportation and shipment of the wool."

I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant,

[Signed:]

E C VRISAKIS

Consul-General for Greece