

TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Ghana, being desirous of maintaining and promoting the bonds of friendship existing between the two countries, and also of expanding and strengthening trade and economic relations between the two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, have agreed as follows :-

ARTICLE 1

In order to promote and facilitate trade between the Republic of India and the Republic of Ghana, both Contracting Parties shall grant reciprocally the most-favoured-nation treatment to goods originating in the territory of either party and in all other matters relating to trade between the two countries.

The provisions of this Article shall not apply to :

- (a) Advantages and facilities accorded by either of the two countries to adjacent countries for the purpose of facilitating frontier trade ;
- (b) Advantages and facilities resulting from a Customs Union or a free trade area to which either of the two countries is or may become a party ;
- (c) Advantages accorded by virtue of a multilateral economic agreement.

ARTICLE 2

Both Contracting Parties shall support and facilitate within the scope of their laws and regulations the widest possible exchange of goods between the two countries as exemplified by but not limited to the goods listed in Schedules 'A' and 'B' attached to this Agreement and which indicate the goods for export from the Republic of Ghana and the Republic of India respectively. The Schedules shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

Both Contracting Parties undertake within the scope of their internal laws and regulations to issue import and export licences where necessary and to facilitate the exchange of goods in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4

Each Contracting Party shall within the scope of its internal laws and regulations and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, exempt from import duty and other charges levied in its territory, the following goods originating in the territory of the other Contracting Party and not intended for sale :

- (a) samples of no commercial value imported solely from the purpose of being shown for the guidance of exporters;

- (b) proto-types of engineering goods and samples of no commercial value imported only for securing orders, provided they are not otherwise disposed of without the prior approval of the competent authorities of the importing country;
- (c) trade catalogues, price-lists and advertising materials supplied free of charges.

ARTICLE 5

In order to promote trade between the two countries, each Contracting Party shall, subject to its laws and regulations :

- (a) grant reasonable facilities for holding trade fairs and exhibitions by the other Party on its territory;
- (b) exempt from Customs duty goods meant for exhibitions and fairs provided they are not sold or otherwise disposed of ; and
- (c) subject to such conditions as may be prescribed:
 - (i) confer duty free admission to equipment temporarily imported for repair purposes;
 - (ii) exempt goods imported for processing in bond on the condition that the goods are re-exported after such processing.

ARTICLE 6

Both Contracting Parties have agreed that goods purchased under this Agreement in Ghana or in India shall not be re-exported to a third country except with the prior approval in writing given by respective authorities of the delivering

ARTICLE 7

Both Contracting Parties shall accord the most-favoured-nation treatment to each other's merchant vessels sailing under their flags in respect of all matters relating to navigation, access to the ports open to foreign trade and use of ports and harbour facilities. Any concessions accorded to ships engaged in the coastal trade of either party shall not be available under this Article to the other party.

ARTICLE 8

In order to facilitate the implementation of this Agreement, a Joint Committee consisting of representatives of both Contracting Parties is hereby established. The Joint Committee shall meet once a year, or as often as may be mutually agreed, alternately in Accra and Delhi.

Within the purview of this Agreement the Committee shall, inter alia :

- (a) keep under review the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement;
- (b) exchange information on regulations pertaining to trade and industry relevant for the purpose;
- (c) examine measures for the solution of problems which may arise in the implementation of this Agreement or in the course of development of trade between the two countries;
- (d) consider proposals made by either government within the framework of this Agreement aimed at further expansion and diversification of trade between the two countries: and

- (e) identify appropriate areas of industrial co-operation, particularly those which offer prospects for the development of mutually beneficial commercial exchanges.

ARTICLE 9

All payments relating to trade transactions and commercial services shall be effected in any convertible currency acceptable to the two Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 10

This Agreement shall come into force on the date of exchange of notes confirming that the Agreement has been ratified in accordance with the constitutional procedures of both Contracting Parties.

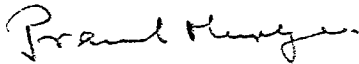
This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of three years and its validity shall thereafter be automatically renewed for further periods of twelve months unless notice of termination is given in writing by one Party to the other at least 90 days prior to the expiry of the said Agreement.

ARTICLE 11

In the event of termination of this Agreement, its provisions shall continue to apply to contracts concluded, but not fully executed, prior to such terminations.

DONE, in duplicate, at New Delhi on the Twelfth day of October, 1981 in two copies, each in Hindi and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDIA


(PRANAB MUKHERJEE)
MINISTER OF COMMERCE

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF GHANA


(VINCENT BULLA)
MINISTER OF TRADE

SCHEDULE 'A'

GOODS FOR EXPORT FROM THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA
TO THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

Cocoa Beans

Cocoa Products

Sawn Timber

Railway sleepers

Timber Products

Knocked-down Furniture

Coffee

Pineapples (fresh and canned)

Gold

Diamonds

Miscellaneous

SCHEDULE 'B'

GOODS FOR EXPORT FROM THE REPUBLIC OF
INDIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Tee

Spices including pepper and cardamom

Oil cakes

Tobacco (unmanufactured/manufactured)

Rice

Marine products

Cotton piecegoods; Handloom and millmade

Silk/Art silk fabrics

Woollen fabrics

Raw jute / Jute manufactures

Agricultural Machinery & Equipment

Industrial Plant and Machinery

Transport Vehicles (Passenger & cargo) and their
parts and accessories

Iron and Steel items, including structurals, bars,
pipes and tubes

Industrial Castings, Forgings & fastners

Diesel Engines, Compressors, and their parts

Electrical accessories and appliances

Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles (Scientific and
Surgical instruments, Oil Lamps and Stoves, Abrasives
and Grinding Wheels, Ball and Roller Bearings etc.)

Chemicals and allied products

Electronic items

Feature Films, including short documentary films

Finished leather