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1953 FINNISH-BULGARIAN AND FINNISH-WEST GERMAN TRADE DELIVERIES

Details of the 1953 deliveries under the 1951 trade agreement between Finland and Bulgaria were agreed on in Moscow 31 January 1953.

Under these terms, Finland will import from Bulgaria during 1953 the following types of commodities: wheat, rice, vetch, crushed oil seed, tobacco, spices, tomato concentrate (catchup), medicinal plants, opium, oil extract of mint, sausage casings, hog bristles, tanned skins and hides, carbamide (46.3 percent), granulated ammonium nitrate (92.2 and 34.5 percent), sodium nitrate, gypsum, fluoride, kaolin, combed linen and nemp, linen and cotton rag, and silk cloth.

Finnish exports to Bulgaria will include various machines, instruments, and other metal products, in addition to paper products, pressed wallboard, chemical products, and pharmaceuticals.

Terms of the 1953 agreement between Finland and West Germany were signed in Bonn 4 February 1953. Although Finnish imports and exports were each estimated at 120 million dollars in the 1952 agreement, her exports to West Germany amounted to only about half of this figure. Therefore, in the 1953 agreement, Finland's exports are estimated at 56 million dollars, and her imports from West Germany at 45 million dollars.

The largest item of Finnish exports to West Germany consists of unprocessed furs, reindeer skins, and raw hides, with a total value of 500,000 dollars. Other export items include kraft paper, paper and cardboard products, 150,000 dollars, veneer, 100,000 dollars, metal products, 100,000 dollars. Expressed in quantities, Finnish exports include the following: plywood, 25,000 cubic meters, pressed board and cardboard, 15,000 tons, and printing and writing paper, 8,000 tons.

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Finnish imports from West Germany will include the following items, expressed either in quantities or value: coke, 100,000 tons; coal, 40,000 tons; steel, 100,000 tons in various forms, including ship plate and cold rolled plate; structural steel, machinery, parts, and spare parts, 9,400,000 dollars; industrial electric machinery and equipment, 4 million dollars; mild steel and sheet-metal products, such as spare parts for bicycles, 2,150,000 dollars; inorganic chemicals, 1,700,000 dollars; and chemical products, 7 million dollars.

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