

ANGLO: U.S. PERSIAN DECLARATION

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

Considering that the responsibility of feeding the people of Persia rests primarily on the Imperial Persian Government but that it is desirable, inasmuch as war conditions may bring economic distress to the people of Persia 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 Persia until the gathering of the harvest in 1943, and having regard to the undertaking given by the Imperial Persian Government to carry out:

(a) all measures recommended by the United States advisers 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 Persia by a majority vote of the following three members of that Committee, namely, the Chairman appointed by the Imperial Persian Government and the members designated by the United States and British Ministers at Teheran respectively,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1.

If the Persian Minister of Food with the concurrence of the United States advisers and the United States and British Ministers at Teheran decide by a majority vote that they are satisfied that all practicable steps have been taken by the Imperial Persian Government under their undertakings referred to above, and that nevertheless the supply of cereals within Persia for the bread supply of the people of Persia is insufficient to cover the minimum needs of the population of Persia 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 Persia from other sources sufficient to make up the deficiency.

Article 2.

The Imperial Persian Government are responsible

(a) for the distribution of cereals within Persia;

(b) for ensuring that a deficiency of one area is met by supplies from another area in Persia when the total supply of cereals within Persia 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 Persia from other sources in fulfilment of the undertakings of the other two Governments in Article 1 above.

Recognising that the capacity of the Imperial Persian Government to discharge its above-mentioned responsibilities is limited by the means of transport at its disposal, the Governments of the United States and 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 Persian Government shall be sufficient, if put to the best possible use, for the proper distribution of these cereals.

In witness whereof etc.

Signed in Teheran December 4, 1942.

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