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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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James C. Hagerty, Press Secretary to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today issued an Executive order concerning the payment of ocean freight charges on certain surplus agricultural commodities shipped abroad.

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At its recent session the Congress amended the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 so as to authorize the payment of ocean freight costs from United States ports to designated ports of entry abroad on surplus agricultural commodities transferred for famine and other urgent relief (pursuant to Title II of that Act) or donated to non-profit voluntary agencies or to intergovernmental organizations for the assistance of needy persons outside the United States (under section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949).

These ocean freight charges may be paid from funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, and the necessary funds may be transferred to agencies designated by the President. By so designating the International Cooperation Administration, in today's order, the President enabled the Commodity Credit Corporation to make the funds available to the International Cooperation Administration and enabled the latter to pay the freight charges.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
AGRICULTURAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND  
ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1954, AS AMENDED

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, and by section 301 of title 3 of the United States Code, and as President of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

Section 1. The International Cooperation Administration is hereby designated as the Federal agency to which funds required for ocean freight costs authorized under Title II of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1721-1724), may be transferred by the Commodity Credit

Section 2. Sections 5 and 6 of Executive Order No. 10560 of September 9, 1954 (19 F. R. 5927), are hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. Reservation of functions to the President. There are reserved to the President the functions conferred upon him by section 108 of the Act (with respect to making reports to Congress) and by the last sentence of section 203 of the Act (with respect to designating the Federal agency to which funds required for ocean freight costs may be transferred by the Commodity Credit Corporation).

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"Section 6. Definition. As used in this order the term 'Act' means the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 454), as amended, and includes, except as may be inappropriate, the provisions thereof amending other laws."

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

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