

1st IAC-ASE Trade Agreement

The following is a document of trade between the [Abwehran Star Empire](#) and [Iromakuanhe Astral Commonwealth](#) written shortly after first contact in [AR 936/AF 260](#). For the purposes of this document, the IAC will hereafter be referred to as 'the Commonwealth', while the ASE will be written as 'the Empire'. The agreement was signed at the same time as the [1st IAC-ASE Non-Aggression Treaty](#).

Section 1: Travel

Article I: Travel

- Citizens of the Commonwealth and the Empire may travel between each other's sovereign territories.
 - Visiting citizens are considered to have the rights of native citizens.
 - Visiting citizens must register at customs and be subject to screening for safety reasons.
 - Visiting citizens must obey local laws and may be tried by local or higher judicial authorities.
 - Visiting citizens may be deported without notice, should they violate the above two requirements. Capital offenses shall result in deportation, in all cases.
- Military personnel and government officials are considered civilian personnel if not on official visits.

Article II: Immigration

- Citizens of the Commonwealth and the Empire may apply for work visas and residence.
- Citizens of the Commonwealth and the Empire may seek asylum or refugee in each other's territories in case of displacement by armed conflict.
 - Citizenship may be requested by an landed immigrant on a work visa or refugee. This citizenship is inherently dual, to allow such individuals to return to their ethnic homelands.
 - Dual citizenship is conferred onto all children of immigrants, for the above reasons.

Section 2: Economic Interaction

Article I: Trade

- Citizens of the Commonwealth and the Empire may purchase goods openly available on the market in either nation, using the currency of the nation where the purchases occur.
 - Citizens of the Commonwealth and the Empire may carry goods openly available on the market on their person, cargo or other forms of storage.
- Citizens of the Commonwealth and the Empire may also purchase services of foreign nationals, provided these services are legal in either nation.
 - Citizens of the Commonwealth and the Empire may sponsor foreign nationals they have hired for work visas.

Article II: Trade Laws

- Both the Commonwealth and the Empire reserve the right to ban goods for health and safety reasons.
 - Bans on certain goods instated for reasonable purposes shall not be considered cassus belli for hostilities or political censure in any case.
- Both the Commonwealth and the Empire reserve the right to place trade tariffs on certain goods in order to protect domestic industries.
 - Tariffs shall not be considered cassus belli for hostilities or political censure in any case.
- Both the Commonwealth and the Empire will agree to protect the intellectual property of each other's domestic corporations, in particular pertaining to sensitive military technologies.

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