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A 30 per cent decrease in Swedish exports of iron-ore to Czechoslovakia and imports of Czech motor vehicles are the main features of the new Swedish-Czech Trade Agreement covering the period between 1 March 1952 to 28 February 1953.

Another novelty in the agreement are Swedish exports of dairy and poultry products to Czechoslovakia. Among other items, the new Trade Agreement calls for Swedish exports of 4,000 tons of butter and unnamed quantities of eggs.

The new agreement calls for a mutual exchange of goods up to the value of Skr. 250 millions, whereof Skr. 120 millions will be Swedish exports. Included in the Swedish export list are, in addition to the above named items, iron and steel products, tanning extracts, soda, paper, animal and technical fats, hides and skins, as well as wool waste. Swedish exports of iron-ore have been reduced by 33 per cent from 700 thousand tons in the previous year to 500 thousand tons for the present running agreement year.

Czech exports to Sweden include traditional Czech exports such as glass, 40 thousand tons of sugar, 20,000 tons of hrt and cold rolled metals, chemicals, kaolin and motor vehicles. A new item in the Czech exports list is 50,000 tons of oke, and also industrial yarns.

While the new agreement was only recently ratified, it has actually been enforced since the expiration of the old one. Negotiations for compensation of Swedish companies whose property was nationalized by the Czech Government, are still under way, and are expected to last throughout the year.

EVAL. COMMENT: The information comes from an official source. For other information see Items No 3956/52, 3786/52, 3311/52.