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No. 7771. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK REGARDING THE CHANGES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE INTRODUCED IN THEIR PRODUCTION AND TRADE POLICIES RELATING TO CEREALS. LONDON, 16 SEPTEMBER 1964

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The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs to the Danish Ambassador

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1

September 16, 1964

Your Excellency,

I should like to refer to previous exchanges between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Government of the United Kingdom") and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark (hereinafter referred to as "the Government of Denmark") regarding the changes which the Government of the United Kingdom have introduced in their production and trade policies relating to cereals. In framing their proposals the Government of the United Kingdom have had in mind their responsibility for maintaining conditions under which a stable and efficient agricultural industry in the United Kingdom can develop its prosperity and also their responsibility as one of the major importers of cereals in the world towards their overseas cereals suppliers. The Government of the United Kingdom have also taken into account that they, and the Governments of other countries who are major importers and exporters of cereals, are at present taking part in discussions in the Cereals Group of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade² convened for the negotiation of appropriate international arrangements for cereals under the terms of the resolution of Ministers at the Ministerial Meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, of the 21st of May, 1963.

¹ Came into force on 16 September 1964 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 55, p. 187; for subsequent actions relating to this Agreement, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 1 to 4, as well as Annex A in volumes 402, 405, 411, 419, 421, 424, 425, 429, 431, 435, 438, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 449, 451, 452, 456, 460, 462, 463, 468, 471, 474, 475, 476, 478, 483, 489, 496, 501, and 525.

2. Pending the conclusion of long-term international cereals arrangements, the Government of the United Kingdom have declared their intention of introducing adaptations into their existing cereals policy with the objectives of promoting greater stability in the United Kingdom cereals market, and of maintaining a fair and reasonable balance between home production and imports. This balance would be broadly based upon the present supplies to the United Kingdom market from domestic production on the one hand and cereals imports on the other, and as regards the future growth of the United Kingdom market would provide the opportunity for both domestic producers and overseas suppliers to share in this in a fair and reasonable way. The balance for subsequent years will be reconsidered in the light of supply and marketing conditions, including the relative efficiency of suppliers and changes therein. The measures which the Government of the United Kingdom have introduced for securing these objectives are : first, to restrain financial assistance so as to discourage the increase of domestic cereals production above a level consistent with these objectives, and second, to operate, in co-operation with their overseas suppliers, a system of minimum import prices for the main cereals, cereal products and by-products.

3. As a result of exchanges between the Government of the United Kingdom and their four principal overseas suppliers of cereals, agreement has been reached on arrangements for co-operation in a system of minimum import prices. In addition the Government of the United Kingdom have given certain assurances to their four principal overseas suppliers relating to continued access into the United Kingdom market for cereals imports, the benefits of which will also accrue to other suppliers.

4. The Government of the United Kingdom, after consultation with the Government of Denmark and other co-operating Governments, have advised the Government of Denmark of the cereals, cereal products and by-products for which minimum import prices have been prescribed. These commodities are set out in the attached Annex¹ and it is understood that the minimum import prices prescribed are acceptable to the Government of Denmark. Any subsequent changes shall be a matter for consultation between the Government of the United Kingdom and the co-operating Governments, and as regards any changes which affect the particular interests of the Government of Denmark, the Government of the United Kingdom shall seek the agreement of the Government of Denmark.

5. The Government of the United Kingdom shall take action to maintain the levels of the prescribed minimum import prices by such levies on imports as may be necessary for this purpose. Subject to your confirmation of the

¹ See p. 436 of this volume.