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No. 7773. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND REGARDING THE CHANGES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE INTRODUCED IN THEIR PRODUCTION AND TRADE POLICIES RELATING TO CEREALS. HELSINKI, 12 SEPTEMBER 1964

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Her Majesty's Ambassador at Helsinki to the Finnish Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Helsinki, September 12, 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 Republic of Finland (hereinafter referred to as "the Government of Finland") 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 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 negotiations of appropriate international arrangements for cereals under the terms of the resolution³ of Ministers at the Ministerial Meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade on the 21st of May, 1963.

¹ Came into force on 12 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.

³ General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, *Basic Instruments and Selected Documents*, Twelfth Supplement, Geneva, June 1964, p. 36.

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. 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 Finland and other co-operating Governments, have advised the Government of Finland of the cereals, cereal products and by-products for which minimum import prices have been prescribed. These are set out in the attached Annex¹ and it is understood that the minimum import prices prescribed are acceptable to the Government of Finland. Any subsequent changes will 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 Finland, the Government of the United Kingdom shall seek the agreement of the Government of Finland.

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 willingness of the Government of Finland to co-operate in these arrangements, the Government of the United Kingdom shall exempt from levies all imports of products in the attached Annex which originated in and were consigned from Finland to the United Kingdom except in the following circumstances :

- (i) When the general level of offering prices to the United Kingdom market from Finland for any product in the attached Annex is (after taking into

¹ See p. 20 of this volume.