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No. 8146. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING A TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS. DUBLIN, 25 NOVEMBER 1949

I

From the Minister for External Affairs to the Chargé d'Affaires of the Netherlands

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DUBLIN

25th November, 1949

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my letter of the 2nd September, 1948,² and to the discussions which have taken place in The Hague concerning trade relations between the Netherlands and Ireland, and to confirm that, in the course of these discussions, agreement was reached on the following points :

(1) In view of the favourable development of Netherlands exports to Ireland, the Netherlands Government undertakes in respect of the period of twelve months ending the 30th June, 1950, to grant the necessary import and currency licences for the goods listed in the Annex to this letter to a total value of £500,000 f.o.b. The Irish Government undertakes to continue its policy of affording all reasonable facilities for the admission to Ireland of products of Netherlands origin.

(2) The Netherlands Government undertakes to ensure the supply to Ireland of 40,000 tons of superphosphate of not less than 16% P₂O₅ content during the period to April, 1950.

(3) The Irish Government undertakes to grant facilities for the export to the Netherlands of 18,000 head of cattle during the period to January, 1950.

(4) Either Government may at any time seek consultation with the other Government in regard to the principles and arrangements set out above which shall govern the trade relations between the two countries until such time as one or other Government has indicated its wish to have them or any of them modified.

¹ Came into force on 25 November 1949 by the exchange of the said notes.

² See p. 250 of this volume.

I should be grateful if you would be so good as to inform me whether the Netherlands Government accepts the foregoing statement of the results of the discussions, in which case I would suggest that this Note and your reply thereto be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my high consideration.

Seán MACBRIDE
Minister for External Affairs

ANNEX

LIST OF QUOTAS FOR IRISH GOODS TO BE IMPORTED INTO THE NETHERLANDS EXCLUDING PURCHASES BY THE NETHERLANDS OF LIVESTOCK, GRAINS, RAW WOOL, BARYTES, SCRAP METALS, PIT PROPS, RABBIT SKINS (UNDRESSED), HORSE HAIR, COW HAIR AND PEAT MOSS

	£1,000
1. Tweeds handwoven	20
2. Woollen and worsted piece-goods (millwoven) and travelling rugs	60
3. Wool felt hoods for ladies' and men's hats	40
4. Cotton piece-goods	20
5. Ropes and cordages	17
6. Woollen outerwear, woollen socks and knitted and crocheted gloves . . .	18
7. Shirts including collars and pyjamas	15
8. Other textiles :	
Rayon furnishing fabrics	1
Elastic and braids	8
Linen embroidery and lace	3
Woollen underwear	2
Ties and scarves of poplin and tweed	8
Rainwear	2
Ladies' evening dresses	3.5
Silk ribbons	0.5
9. Woollen carpet yarns and woollen handknitting yarns	28
10. Jute yarns	16
11. Rayon yarns	35
12. Leather gloves	1
13. Furs and fur garments	3
14. Footwear of all types	20
15. Fusel oil	2
16. Toys (soft and lead)	3
17. Feathers and down	3
18. Prune wine	2
19. Abrasives (paper and cloth)	20
20. Stout	1

	£1,000
21. Plasterboard and gypsum	13
22. Roofing slates	2
23. Brushes	5
24. Smoking pipes	2
25. Sports goods	5
26. Artificial horn in sheets	6
27. Spring interior mattresses	2
28. Glass containers	40
29. Miscellaneous commodities n.e.s.	100
	500

Notes to Annex

A. Any imports of articles coming under the heading "Miscellaneous commodities" (Item 29) will be limited to an amount of £5,000 per item.

B. If quantitative restrictions are removed from any item in the above list, the ceiling imposed by the quota shown will be removed. The quota will in that case lapse but the amount of the quota will not be added to other quotas shown or to the sum allotted to miscellaneous commodities. On the other hand, imports of goods coming under headings for which quantitative restrictions are removed exceeding the figures shown in the above list will not be charged against the total sum of £500,000.

C. The Netherlands Government undertakes as a general rule to issue licences for the goods coming under items 1-7 and 9, 10, 14, 19, 21, 28 for amounts not smaller than £500. For all other items as a general rule the minimum amount per licence will be £100. This undertaking shall not apply to items from which at any given moment quantitative restrictions are removed.

II

From the Chargé d'Affaires of the Netherlands to the Minister for External Affairs

LEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

No. 2835

25th November, 1949

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of to-day's date reading as follows :

[See note I]

In reply, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Netherlands Government approve this proposal and likewise agree that Your Excellency's letter and my present reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

W. VAN TETS
Chargé d'Affaires