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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
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OF IRAQ REGARDING THE CHANGES WHICH THE
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POLICIES RELATING TO CEREALS

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*The Chargé d'Affaires ad interim at Baghdad to the Minister
for Foreign Affairs of Iraq*

BRITISH EMBASSY
BAGHDAD

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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 Iraq 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, 21st May, 1963.

Pending the conclusion of long-term international cereals arrangements, the Government of the United Kingdom have declared their intention of

¹ Came into force on 16 August 1965 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 1 to 8, as well as annex A in volumes 609, 620 to 629, 640, 651, 661 to 665, and 668.

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.

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.

The Government of the United Kingdom, after consultation with the Government of Iraq and other co-operating Governments, have advised the Government of Iraq of the cereals, cereal products and by-products for which minimum import prices have been prescribed. These commodities are set out in the attached Annex and it is understood that the minimum import prices prescribed are acceptable to the Government of Iraq.

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 Iraq, the Government of the United Kingdom shall seek the agreement of the Government of Iraq.

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 Iraq 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 Iraq to the United Kingdom except in the following circumstances :

- (i) When the general level of offering prices to the United Kingdom market from Iraq for any product in the attached Annex is (after taking into account any customs duty chargeable) below the appropriate prescribed minimum import price for that product, the Government of the United Kingdom may, after notifying the Government of Iraq, apply a levy generally equivalent to the difference between the two to that product for so long as such conditions make it necessary.