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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
PARAGUAY**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to
duty-free entry and the exemption from internal taxation
of relief supplies and equipment. Asunción,
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No. 4117. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND PARAGUAY RELATING TO DUTY-FREE ENTRY AND THE EXEMPTION FROM INTERNAL TAXATION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. ASUNCION, 4 APRIL 1957

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The American Ambassador to the Paraguayan Minister of Foreign Affairs

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AMERICAN EMBASSY

No. 287

Asunción, April 4, 1957

Excellency :

I have the honor to address myself to Your Excellency in order to propose, by means of this Note and Your Excellency's Note in response, the following agreement between the Republic of Paraguay and the United States of America in regard to shipments by United States voluntary relief and rehabilitation agencies of certain supplies and equipment to the Republic of Paraguay.

1. The Government of the Republic of Paraguay shall accord duty-free entry into Paraguay, as well as exemption from internal taxation, of supplies of goods approved by the Government of the United States, donated to or purchased by United States voluntary, nonprofit relief and rehabilitation agencies qualified under United States Government Regulations, and consigned to such organizations, including branches of these agencies in Paraguay which have been or hereafter shall be approved by the Government of the Republic of Paraguay.

2. Such supplies may include goods of types qualified for ocean freight subsidy under applicable United States Government Regulations, such as basic necessities of food, clothing and medicines, and other relief and rehabilitation supplies and equipment in support of projects of health, sanitation, education and recreation, agriculture and promotion of small selfhelp industries, but shall not include tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, alcoholic beverages, or items for personal use of the agencies' field representatives.

3. Duty-free treatment on importation and exportation, as well as exemption from internal taxation, shall also be accorded to supplies and equipment imported by organizations approved by both governments for the purpose of carrying out operations under this agreement. Such supplies and equipment shall not include items for the personal use of agencies' field representatives.

¹ Came into force on 4 April 1957 by the exchange of the said notes.

4. The cost of transporting such supplies and equipment (including port, handling, storage, and similar charges, as well as transportation) from the ports of Buenos Aires, Argentina or Montevideo, Uruguay to the ultimate beneficiary will be borne by the Government of the Republic of Paraguay. Private organizations may, however, pursuant to voluntary arrangements with the Government of Paraguay, assume costs relating to the river transportation of such supplies and equipment from the aforementioned ocean ports to Asunción, Paraguay, or other river ports in Paraguay, it being understood that such expenses will not be reimbursed by the ultimate recipients or by the Government of the United States.

5. The supplies furnished by the voluntary agencies shall be considered supplementary to daily rations to which individuals or institutions would otherwise have been entitled.

6. Individual organizations carrying out operations under this agreement may enter into additional arrangements with the Government of the Republic of Paraguay, and this agreement shall not be construed to derogate from any benefits secured by any such organizations in existing agreements with the Government of the Republic of Paraguay.

7. This agreement is effective as of the date of Your Excellency's Note, to remain in force until six months after the receipt by either Government of written notice of the intention of the other Government to terminate it.

I have the honor to propose that, if these understandings meet with the approval of the Government of the Republic of Paraguay, this Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Arthur A. AGETON
Ambassador of the United States of America

His Excellency Dr. Raúl Sapena Pastor
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Asunción