

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND  
NORTHERN IRELAND**

**and**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Exchange of Notes concerning the Free Importation of Goods  
into the leased Bases in Bermuda, in the Caribbean and  
in British Guiana. Washington, 18 January and 21 Feb-  
ruary 1946**

Came into force on 21 February 1946, by signature.

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1947.*

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET  
D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**et**

**ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE**

**Echange de notes relatif à la libre importation de marchan-  
dises destinées aux bases cédées à bail aux Bermudes, aux  
Antilles et en Guyane britannique. Washington, 18 jan-  
vier et 21 février 1946**

Entré en vigueur le 21 février 1946, par signature.

*Texte officiel anglais communiqué par le représentant permanent du Royaume-  
Uni auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement a eu lieu  
le 7 août 1947.*

No. 73. EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE FREE IMPORTATION OF GOODS INTO THE LEASED BASES IN BERMUDA, IN THE CARIBBEAN AND IN BRITISH GUIANA. WASHINGTON, 18 JANUARY AND 21 FEBRUARY 1946

No. 1

*The Earl of Halifax to Mr. Dean Acheson*

British Embassy  
Washington, 18th January, 1946

Sir,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the Government of the United Kingdom has agreed to the following understanding in respect of paragraph (1) (d) of Article XIV of the Agreement for the Use and Operation of Certain Bases, which was concluded between the Governments of the United States and of the United Kingdom at London on the 27th March, 1941,<sup>1</sup> in so far as that Agreement relates to bases in Bermuda, in the Caribbean and in British Guiana:—

- (a) By arrangement with the United States authorities, the Colonial authorities will be shown and have explained to them the administrative measures taken to prevent the unauthorised resale of goods sold under Article XIV (1) (c) and other precautions taken to prevent abuse of customs privileges granted under that Article.
- (b) The United States authorities will undertake to ensure that free importation is strictly limited to goods covered by the above-mentioned Agreement and subsequent correspondence and, in particular, that goods outside the interpretation given by the Government of the United Kingdom to Article XIV (1) (d) but within that given to it by the Government of the United States (consumable goods and goods acquired after first arrival) and presents are not admitted free of duty unless they comply with the conditions already agreed,

<sup>1</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. CCIV, page 15.

*i.e.*, they must be (i) of United States origin, if the Colonial Government so requires, (ii) imported by (or presents for) United States personnel described in Article XIV (1) (c), and (iii) imported for the personal use of the recipient.

- (c) This understanding and these arrangements are subject to and without prejudice to reconsideration of the question *ab initio* in due course.
- (d) It is, of course, also understood that the United States will continue to do all in their power to prevent any abuse of customs privileges and that United States authorities will co-operate with the Colonial authorities to this end at every level both in prevention and in investigation of cases where there is evidence of leakage.

2. If the Government of the United States agrees to this understanding, I would suggest that the present note and your Excellency's reply to that effect be regarded as placing it on record.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HALIFAX

No. 2

*Mr. James F. Byrnes to the Earl of Halifax*

Department of State  
Washington, 21st February, 1946

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's note of the 18th January, 1946, stating that the Government of the United Kingdom has agreed to the following understanding in respect of paragraph (1) (d) of Article XIV of the Agreement for the Use and Operation of Certain Bases, which was concluded between the Governments of the United States and of the United Kingdom at London on the 27th March, 1941, in so far as that Agreement relates to bases in Bermuda, in the Caribbean and in British Guiana:

[*Here follows text of Note No. 1*]

In reply I have the honor to inform your Excellency that the Government of the United States agrees with the above understanding and that your Excellency's note and this reply will be regarded as placing it on record.

Accept, &c.

(Signed) JAMES F. BYRNES