

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**and**  
**EGYPT**

**Exchange of Notes constituting an agreement relating to the waiver by the Egyptian Government of most-favoured-nation provisions of the Provisional Commercial Agreement between the United States of America and Egypt, effected by an Exchange of Notes of 24 May 1930, with respect to the advantages accorded by the United States of America to the Philippines. Washington, 4 May and 15 August 1946**

*English official text communicated by the Permanent Representative of the United States of America at the seat of the United Nations. The registration took place on 3 March 1948.*

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**ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE**  
**et**  
**EGYPTE**

**Echange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la renonciation par le Gouvernement égyptien à la clause de la nation la plus favorisée contenue dans l'accord commercial provisoire intervenu entre les Etats-Unis d'Amérique et l'Egypte par l'échange de notes du 24 mai 1930, en ce qui concerne les avantages accordés par les Etats-Unis d'Amérique aux Philippines. Washington, 4 mai et 15 août 1946**

*Texte officiel anglais communiqué par le représentant permanent des Etats-Unis d'Amérique au siège de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le 3 mars 1948.*

No. 202. EXCHANGE OF NOTES<sup>1</sup> CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND EGYPT RELATING TO THE WAIVER BY THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT OF MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION PROVISIONS OF THE PROVISIONAL COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND EGYPT EFFECTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF 24 MAY 1930, WITH RESPECT TO THE ADVANTAGES ACCORDED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PHILIPPINES. WASHINGTON, 4 MAY AND 15 AUGUST 1946

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*The Acting Secretary of State to the Egyptian Minister*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

May 4 1946

Sir:

With reference to the forthcoming independence of the Philippines on July 4, 1946, my Government considers that provision for a transitional period for dealing with the special tariff position which Philippine products have occupied for many years in the United States is an essential accompaniment to Philippine Independence. Accordingly, under the Philippine Trade Act approved April 30, 1946, goods the growth, produce or manufacture of the Philippines will enter the United States free of duty until 1954, after which they will be subject to gradually and regularly increasing rates of duty or decreasing duty-free quotas until 1974 when general rates will become applicable and all preferences will be completely eliminated.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 15 August 1946, by the exchange of the said notes.

Since the enactment of the Philippine Independence Act approved March 24, 1934, my Government has foreseen the probable necessity of providing for such a transitional period and has since then consistently excepted from most-favored-nation obligations which it has undertaken toward foreign governments advantages which it might continue to accord to Philippine products after the proclamation of Philippine independence. Some thirty instruments in force with other governments, for example, permit the continuation of the exceptional tariff treatment now accorded by my Government to Philippine products, irrespective of the forthcoming change in the Commonwealth's political status.

With a view, therefore, to placing the relations between the United States and Egypt upon the same basis, with respect to the matters involved, as the relations existing under the treaties and agreements referred to in the preceding paragraph, I have the honor to propose that the provisions of the Provisional Commercial Agreement between the United States of America and Egypt effected by an exchange of notes signed May 24, 1930,<sup>1</sup> shall not be understood to require the extension to Egypt of advantages accorded by the United States to the Philippines.

In view of the imminence of the inauguration of an independent Philippine Government, I should be glad to have the reply of your Government to this proposal at an early date.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Dean ACHESON  
Acting Secretary of State

The Honorable Mahmoud Hassan  
Minister of Egypt

<sup>1</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume CXVII, page 419.

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*The Egyptian Minister to the Acting Secretary of State*

ROYAL EGYPTIAN LEGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 15, 1946

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated May 4, 1946 informing me that your Government made a provision for a transitional period for dealing with the special tariff position which Philippine products have occupied before independence. Accordingly, under the Philippine Trade Act approved April 30, 1946, goods the growth, produce or manufacture of the Philippines will enter the United States free of duty until 1954, after which they will be subject to gradually and regularly increasing rates of duty or decreasing duty-free quotas until 1974 when general rates will become applicable and all preferences will be completely eliminated.

I have the pleasure to inform you that after referring the contents of your communication to my Government, I have been authorized to state that until the expiration date of the exceptional treatment of Philippine imports, my Government does not intend to invoke the most-favored-nation clause under the Provisional Commercial Agreement between the United States of America and Egypt effected by an exchange of notes signed May 24, 1930.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

M. HASSAN

The Honourable Dean Acheson  
Acting Secretary of State  
Washington, D.C.