

No. 977

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**NETHERLANDS  
and  
NEW ZEALAND**

**Exchange of notes constituting a supplementary agreement to  
the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of 30 October  
1947. Geneva, 18 and 30 October 1947**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the Netherlands on 13 November 1950.*

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**PAYS-BAS  
et  
NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE**

**Echange de notes constituant un accord complémentaire de  
l'Accord général sur les tarifs douaniers et le commerce du  
30 octobre 1947. Genève, 18 et 30 octobre 1947**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 13 novembre 1950.*

No. 977. EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND NEW ZEALAND CONSTITUTING A SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE OF 30 OCTOBER 1947.<sup>2</sup> GENEVA, 18 AND 30 OCTOBER 1947

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NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION  
U.N. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT  
PALAIS DES NATIONS  
GENEVA

18th October, 1947

Dear Mr. Lamsvelt,

It would appear that when the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade now being negotiated at Geneva and embodying, *inter alia*, the concessions mutually agreed upon, subject to the approval of the respective Governments, between the Netherlands and New Zealand negotiating teams here, enters into force as between the Netherlands and New Zealand, it will supersede the existing trade arrangement set out in an exchange of letters dated 22nd December, 1937, and 14th January, 1938,<sup>3</sup> between Mr. T. Elink Schuurman, Consul General of the Netherlands, Sydney, and the Honourable Walter Nash, Minister of Customs, Wellington.

The terms of trade arrangement in question provide for its continuing in force until the expiration of three months from the date on which either Government shall have given notice to the other of revocation.

I have been advised that the New Zealand Government are agreeable to the trade arrangement referred to being regarded as superseded and replaced by the General agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Such supersession

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 January 1948, as a consequence of the provisional application of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade according to the terms of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 55, p. 194.

<sup>3</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. CLXXXV, p. 329.

would operate from the date on which effect is given by both the Netherlands and New Zealand to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. In such circumstances it would appear that the notice of revocation referred to in the preceding paragraph could be dispensed with. I should be glad to be informed whether the Netherlands Government is in accord with such understanding.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. P. D. JOHNSON  
Head, New Zealand Negotiating Team

Mr. G. A. Lamsvelt  
Netherlands Tariff Negotiating Team  
Netherlands Delegation  
Palais des Nations  
Geneva

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### NETHERLANDS DELEGATION

Geneva, 30 October, 1947

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I acknowledge herewith receipt of your letter to Dr. G. A. Lamsvelt of October 18th, 1947, in which you advised that the New Zealand Government are agreeable to the trade arrangement between your country and the Netherlands, embodied in the exchange of letters dated 22nd December, 1937 and 14th January, 1938, being regarded as superseded and replaced by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade from the date on which this Agreement becomes operative in both New Zealand and the Netherlands. On behalf of my Government I can inform you that the Netherlands are in accord with this understanding and are also of opinion that under the circumstances referred to, the notice of revocation mentioned in the said trade arrangement can be dispensed with.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) A. B. SPEEKENBRINK  
Director General for Foreign Economic Relations

Mr. J. P. D. Johnson  
Head, New Zealand Negotiating Team  
Palais des Nations  
Geneva