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NETHERLANDS
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning customs privileges accorded to diplomatic staff and consular officers as well as to clerical personnel. The Hague, 19 October 1953

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No. 4435. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND CONCERNING CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES ACCORDED TO DIPLOMATIC STAFF AND CONSULAR OFFICERS AS WELL AS TO CLERICAL PERSONNEL. THE HAGUE, 19 OCTOBER 1953

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BRITISH EMBASSY
THE HAGUE

No. 245

October 19, 1953

Your Excellency,

On the instructions of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, I have the honour to address the following communication to Your Excellency.

Subject to an assurance of reciprocity Her Majesty's Government are prepared to accord the customs privileges at present enjoyed by the diplomatic staff of the Netherlands Embassy in London to any Consuls-General, Consuls and Vice-Consuls (not being honorary consular officers) of the Netherlands in the United Kingdom, to clerks employed in the Netherlands Embassy in London, and to clerks employed on the staffs of the consular officers in question, provided, however, that only those persons shall be entitled to benefit who are not citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies, who are not engaged in private occupation for gain in the United Kingdom and who are permanent employees of their Government, or, if not permanent employees thereof, were not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom at the time of their appointment to such diplomatic or consular post, and provided also that their appointments shall have been duly notified to Her Majesty's Government through the diplomatic channel with a view to the necessary steps being taken to ensure for them the special treatment which this arrangement contemplates.

¹ Came into force on 15 December 1953, the date on which the Government of the Netherlands notified the Government of the United Kingdom that the required constitutional approval had been obtained, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

I have the honour to suggest that if an arrangement in this sense is acceptable to the Netherlands Government, this Note and Your Excellency's reply thereto in similar terms shall be regarded as placing on record the understanding reached between the two Governments concerning this matter, and that the arrangement shall come into force on the date on which the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall notify Her Majesty's Government that the required constitutional approval has been obtained.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Nevile BUTLER

His Excellency Mr. J. W. Beyen
etc., etc., etc.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 128657

The Hague, 19 October 1953

Sir,

In receipt of Your Excellency's note of today's date we have the honour to inform you of the following :

On a basis of reciprocity the Netherlands Government are prepared to accord the customs privileges at present enjoyed by the diplomatic staff of the British Embassy at The Hague to any Consuls-General, Consuls and Vice-Consuls (not being honorary consular officers) of the United Kingdom in the Netherlands, to clerks employed in the British Embassy at The Hague, and to clerks employed on the staffs of the consular officers in question, provided, however, that only those persons shall be entitled to benefit who are not Netherlands subjects, who are not engaged in private occupation for gain in the Netherlands and who are permanent employees of their Government, or, if not permanent employees thereof, were not ordinarily resident in the Netherlands at the time of their appointment to such diplomatic or consular post, and provided also that their appointments shall have been duly notified to the Netherlands Government through the diplomatic channel with a view to the necessary steps being taken to ensure for them the special treatment which this arrangement contemplates.

We agree to the suggestion that Your Excellency's note and this reply shall be regarded as placing on record the understanding reached between the two Governments concerning the matter, and that the arrangement shall come into force on the date on which the Netherlands Government shall notify Her

Britannic Majesty's Government that the required constitutional approval has been obtained.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of our highest consideration.

(Signed) J. LUNS

(Signed) J. W. BEYEN

His Excellency Sir Nevile M. Butler
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland