No. 4562

CEYLON and INDIA

Tobacco Agreement (with exchange of letters). Signed at New Delhi, on 13 January 1958

Official text: English.

Registered by Ceylon on 11 November 1958.

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Accord sur le tabac (avec échange de lettres). Signé à New-Delhi, le 13 janvier 1958

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par Ceylan le 11 novembre 1958.

No. 4562. TOBACCO AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON AND THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. SIGNED AT NEW DELHI, ON 13 JANUARY 1958

Agreement has been reached on the following points between the Delegations of the Government of Ceylon and the Government of India:

(i) The Government of India will permit the import of Jaffna chewing tobacco during the next four years to the extent indicated below at a concessional rate of import duty of Rs. 400 per candy (each of 600 lbs.) through the port of Trivandrum:

											canaies
1957-58											1,500
1958-59											1,200
1959-60		٠									960
1960-61											770

Imports through other ports as well as imports in excess of quantities specified above will be subject to the Indian Tariff Rate applicable for the time being to the import of un-manufactured tobacco.

- (ii) The Government of Ceylon will facilitate the increasing use and import of Indian-grown tobacco for the production of cigarettes in Ceylon.
- (iii) The Government of Ceylon will allow the import of beedies from India during the next four years to the extent indicated below at the prevailing rate of import duty:

											lakh lbs.
1957-58											20
1958-59											16
1959-60								•		٠	12.8
1960-61								٠	٠		10.24

(iv) The Government of Ceylon and the Government of India will consult each other and will give six month's notice to either Government before giving effect to any rise during the period that this agreement is in force in the rates of import duties specified above.

¹ Came into force retroactively from 1 September 1957, in accordance with its provisions.

- (v) These arrangements will be deemed to have come into force from 1st September, 1957, and will continue to be in operation until 31st August, 1961. It will, however, be open to either Government to terminate these arrangements by giving six months' notice at any time after the 1st September, 1959.
- 2. These arrangements are subject to the approval of the two Governments each of whom will take steps to notify the other of its decision in the matter on or before the 31st March, 1958.

For the Government of Ceylon:
(Signed) Richard Aluwihare

For the Government of India: (Signed) S. RANGANATHAN 12-1-58

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

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From: His Excellency Sir Richard Aluwihare, High Commissioner for Ceylon in India

To: Shri S. Ranganathan, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CEYLON IN INDIA NEW DELHI 1

Ref. No. HCI/5/53.

13th January, 1958

Dear Shri Ranganathan,

With reference to the quotas agreed upon for the export of Jaffna chewing tobacco under the Agreement we signed today¹ I request that the Government of India may kindly agree to permit the import of any un-utilised part of the quota for a particular year in the succeeding year in addition to the quota fixed for that year.

2. I shall be glad if you will be good enough to confirm that the Government of India would have no objection to allowing the above request.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Richard ALUWIHARE

Shri S. Ranganathan, I.C.S. Secretary to the Government of India Ministry of Commerce and Industry New Delhi.

¹ See p. 108 of this volume.

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From: Shri S. Ranganathan, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

To: His Excellency Sir Richard Aluwihare, High Commissioner for Ceylon in India

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

New Delhi, 13th January, 1958

Dear Sir Richard,

I have honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 13th January, 1958, which reads as follows:

[See letter I]

2. I have great pleasure in confirming that the Government of India agrees to the request in your letter under reference.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) S. RANGANATHAN

H. E. Sir Richard Aluwihare, K.C.M.G. High Commissioner for Ceylon in India High Commission for Ceylon New Delhi

III

From: Shri S. Ranganathan, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

To: His Excellency Sir Richard Aluwihare, High Commissioner for Ceylon in India

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

New Delhi, 13th January, 1958

Dear Sir Richard,

During our recent discussions on the Indo-Ceylon Tobacco Agreement you mentioned that the Government of Ceylon would allow the import of beedies in excess of the quantities mentioned in the Agreement signed today against supplementary import licences to cover any possible gap in meeting your country's requirements. The Government of India on their part will be willing to

reciprocate and in consideration of such additional quotas given for the import of Indian beedies into Ceylon, will allow the import of proportional additional quantities of Jaffna chewing tobacco into India.

2. I would be grateful for your confirmation that the record note correctly sets out the understanding reached between the two delegations.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) S. RANGANATHAN

H. E. Sir Richard Aluwihare, K.C.M.G. High Commissioner for Ceylon in India High Commission for Ceylon New Delhi

IV

From: His Excellency Sir Richard Aluwihare, High Commissioner for Ceylon in India

To: Shri S. Ranganathan, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CEYLON IN INDIA NEW DELHI 1

Ref. No. HCI/5/53.

13th January, 1958

Dear Shri Ranganathan,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13th January, 1958, which reads as follows:

[See letter III]

I have great pleasure in confirming that your letter sets out correctly the understanding reached between the two Delegations.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Richard ALUWIHARE

Shri S. Ranganathan, I.C.S. Secretary to the Government of India Ministry of Commerce and Industry New Delhi