

No. 4736

NETHERLANDS
and
AUSTRALIA

**Agreement for an exchange of money orders. Signed at
The Hague, on 23 July 1958**

Official texts: Dutch and English.

Registered by the Netherlands on 2 June 1959.

PAYS-BAS
et
AUSTRALIE

**Accord relatif à l'échange de mandats-poste. Signé à La
Haye, le 23 juillet 1958**

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No. 4736. AGREEMENT¹ FOR AN EXCHANGE OF MONEY ORDERS BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. SIGNED AT THE HAGUE, ON 23 JULY 1958

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, having resolved to conclude an agreement concerning the mutual exchange of money orders, have agreed upon the following provisions.

Article I

There shall be a regular exchange of money orders between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The exchange shall be effected per medium of the exchange offices of the two contracting parties as may be determined by the respective Postal Administrations.

Article II

TERRITORIAL SCOPE

1. In respect of Australia this Agreement shall apply to metropolitan Australia only, comprising the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

2. In respect of the Netherlands this Agreement shall apply to :

- a) the direct mutual exchange between Australia and the part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe;
- b) the direct mutual exchange between Australia and Netherlands New Guinea.

3. The two contracting parties may, by an exchange of diplomatic notes, extend the present Agreement to the Netherlands Antilles or (and) Surinam.

Article III

CURRENCY

The amounts of the money orders shall be expressed and advised to the country of payment :

¹ Came into force on 13 February 1959, ten days after the date on which the Australian Government received notice from the Netherlands Government that the approval constitutionally required in the Kingdom of the Netherlands had been obtained, in accordance with article X.

- a) in Netherlands currency in respect of orders issued in Australia for payment in the Netherlands and in Australian currency for orders issued in the Netherlands for payment in Australia, and
- b) in Netherlands New Guinea currency for orders issued in Australia for payment in Netherlands New Guinea and in Australian currency for orders issued in Netherlands New Guinea for payment in Australia.

Article IV

“ THROUGH ” MONEY ORDERS

1. Each of the two contracting parties may forward through the services of the other, money orders for payment in other countries with which the contracting intermediary Administration transacts money order business.

2. The respective Postal Administrations shall mutually agree upon the countries with which and the conditions on which “ through ” money orders under the provision of the preceding paragraph will be exchanged.

Article V

PARTICULARS

The respective Postal Administrations shall mutually agree upon the particulars concerning :

- a) the minimum and maximum amount of each money order;
- b) the rate of conversion applicable to the money orders which each Administration remits;
- c) the treatment of the original orders and the advice forms, the lay-out of the money orders and the particulars to be shown by the remitter;
- d) the tariff of the charges or the rates of commission;
- e) the lists of advice of money orders issued;
- f) the preparation and the treatment of orders by the country of payment and the conditions of payment;
- g) the issue of duplicate orders, the rectification of the name or address of the payee, the repayment of the amount of orders to the remitters and the delivery of advices of payment;
- h) the period of validity of the orders and the statement of void orders;
- i) further particulars if necessary.

Article VI.

ACCOUNTS

At the close of each period to be determined by the respective Postal Administrations, each Paying Administration shall prepare an account in duplicate. Such account shall include particulars of orders received from the other contracting Administration and shall be despatched as soon as possible thereafter to the other Administration for acceptance and return of an accepted copy. The respective Postal Administrations shall mutually agree upon the design and also upon the forwarding of these lists.

Article VII

SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The respective Postal Administrations shall mutually agree upon the particulars relative to the periodical settlements of the accounts.

Article VIII

ADDITIONAL RULES

Each Postal Administration shall be authorised to adopt any additional rules, if not repugnant to the foregoing articles, for greater security against fraud or for the better working of the exchange generally. All such additional rules, however, shall be communicated to the other Postal Administration concerned.

Article IX

SUSPENSION OF SERVICES

Each Postal Administration shall have the power, under extraordinary circumstances which may warrant it, temporarily to suspend the exchange of money order services with any Postal Administration of the other contracting party. Notice of such suspension shall be given to the other Administration concerned as soon as possible and if necessary by telegraph if such means of communication is available.

Article X

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall take effect ten days after the date on which the Australian Government receives notice from the Netherlands Government that the approval constitutionally required in the Kingdom of the Netherlands has

been obtained and shall continue in force until twelve months after either of the contracting parties shall have notified to the other its intention to terminate it, unless it shall be mutually agreed that circumstances warrant an earlier termination.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the undersigned representatives, duly authorised for that purpose, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at The Hague, this twenty-third day of July 1958, in two copies in the Netherlands and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the Kingdom
of the Netherlands :
(Signed) J. LUNS

For the Government
of the Commonwealth
of Australia :
(Signed) H. A. McCLURE-SMITH