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No. 8145. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING A TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS. DUBLIN, 2 SEPTEMBER 1948

I

From the Minister for External Affairs to the Chargé d'Affaires of the Netherlands

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DUBLIN

2nd September, 1948

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place concerning trade relations between Ireland and the Netherlands, and to confirm that, in the course of these discussions, agreement was reached on the following points :

(1) In the spirit of the Convention for European Economic Co-operation,² the Governments of Ireland and of the Netherlands desire to develop the interchange of goods and services between the two countries and to foster, in particular, the exchange of commodities of importance for their respective economies.

(2) The Irish Government recognises that, in the circumstances at present affecting payments between Ireland and the Netherlands monetary area, an opportunity arises for relaxing further the application of Exchange Control restrictions to current trade payments to the Netherlands, and the Irish Government will take all reasonable measures to ensure that applications for currency permits in relation to imports from the Netherlands will be dealt with expeditiously and in a sympathetic manner.

(3) The Netherlands Government undertakes to accord all reasonable facilities for the admission to the Netherlands, on a non-discriminatory basis, of products of Irish origin. It will in particular grant the necessary import and currency licences over and above the value of imports from Ireland of livestock, raw wool and foodstuffs to an aggregate value of £200,000 f.o.b. for 12 months as from 1st July, 1948. The Irish Government undertakes at the same time to accord all reasonable facilities for the admission to Ireland of products of Netherlands origin, with a view to maintaining, as far as possible, the volume of exports from the Netherlands to Ireland, over and above the value of exports from the Netherlands of superphosphates. It will be understood

¹ Came into force on 2 September 1948 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United States of America : Department of State publication 3145.

that at any time after the 31st December, 1948, either Government will, at the request of the other, be prepared to enter into discussions for the purpose of reviewing this arrangement.

(4) The Netherlands Government, recognising the great need of Ireland for superphosphate, undertakes to use its best endeavours to ensure the supply to Ireland of 10,000 tons of superphosphate of not less than 16% $P_2 O_5$ content, and 20,000 tons of superphosphate of not less than 40% $P_2 O_5$ content during the period August, 1948, to May, 1949. The Netherlands Government will also have particular regard to Ireland's need of superphosphate in arranging its export programme for 1949-50 and subsequent years, on the understanding that Ireland contemplates substantial imports of superphosphate for some years to come.

(5) In view of the undertaking of the Netherlands Government respecting the supply of superphosphate, the Government of Ireland agrees to grant facilities for the export to the Netherlands of 26,400 head of fat cattle and 3,600 head of serum cattle during the period July, 1948, to January, 1949. The Irish Government will also have particular regard to the Netherlands' need of fat cattle in subsequent years.

(6) Either Government may at any time seek consultation with the other Government in regard to the principles and arrangements set out above, which shall govern the trade relations between the two countries until such time as one or other Government has indicated its wish to have them or any of them modified.

I should be grateful if you would be so good as to inform me whether the Netherlands Government accepts the foregoing statement of the results of the discussions in which case I would suggest that this Note and your reply thereto be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my high consideration.

Seán MACBRIDE
Minister for External Affairs

II

From the Chargé d'Affaires of the Netherlands to the Minister for External Affairs

LEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

2nd September, 1948

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of to-day's date reading as follows :

[See note I]

In reply, I am happy to inform Your Excellency that the Netherlands Government approve this proposal and likewise agree that Your Excellency's note and my present reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

W. VAN TETS