

No. 8134

**IRELAND
and
BELGIUM**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the cattle trade between Ireland and Belgium. Dublin, 30 June and 1 July 1952

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement extending the above-mentioned Agreement. Dublin, 29 and 30 June 1953

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement extending the above-mentioned Agreement of 30 June and 1 July 1952. Dublin, 12 October 1954

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement extending the above-mentioned Agreement of 30 June and 1 July 1952. Dublin, 31 December 1957

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement extending the above-mentioned Agreement of 30 June and 1 July 1952. Dublin, 31 December 1958

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement extending the above-mentioned Agreement of 30 June and 1 July 1952. Dublin, 12 September 1959

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement extending the above-mentioned Agreement of 30 June and 1 July 1952. Dublin, 23 September 1960

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No. 8134. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM CONCERNING THE CATTLE TRADE BETWEEN IRELAND AND BELGIUM. DUBLIN, 30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 1952

I

From the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland to the Belgian Minister at Dublin

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
DUBLIN

30th June, 1952

Excency,

I have the honour to refer to the recent discussions between Your Excellency and Monsieur Cammaerts of the Belgian Legation on the one hand and Irish officials on the other regarding the arrangements concerning trade in cattle between Ireland and Belgium and to state that the Irish Government notes with pleasure the assurance of the Belgian Government that imports of cattle for serum purposes into Belgium will be confined to Irish animals.

The Irish Government's understanding of the results of the discussions concerning the detailed arrangements in regard to the cattle trade between Ireland and Belgium is as follows :

1. The Belgian Government will ensure the delivery of import licences for the importation of 7,200 head of Irish cattle for serum purposes during the year 1st July, 1952, to 30th June, 1953.

2. The Belgian Government will ensure the delivery of import licences for importation of at least 6,000 head of Irish cattle for serum purposes during the year 1st July, 1953-30th June, 1954, and will consult with the Irish Government before the 30th June, 1953, regarding the precise figures for the year 1st July, 1953-30th June, 1954, and for the year 1st July, 1954-30th June, 1955.

3. The Irish Government undertakes to grant the necessary export facilities for the numbers of cattle specified in paragraph 1 and eventually agreed upon in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2. It will endeavour to ensure that the facilities in question will permit the export of cattle to Belgium at the rate of 600 head per month during the year 1st July, 1952-30th June, 1953. The Belgian Government appreciates,

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1952 by the exchange of the said notes.

however, that adverse circumstances in any year may necessitate the restriction of the numbers exported during the months March, April and May. Nevertheless, the Irish Government undertakes that the number of cattle for which export facilities will be granted in any one month will not be less than half the annual monthly rate agreed upon.

4. The Belgian Government will inform the Irish Government of the importers appointed from time to time to purchase Irish cattle and the necessary export facilities will be granted to the exporters selected by the importers in question.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would be so good as to confirm that the foregoing represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

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

Proinsias MAC AOGÁIN
Minister for External Affairs

II

From the Belgian Minister at Dublin to the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland

LÉGATION DE BELGIQUE

Dossier : 10710-B

July 1st, 1952

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's Note of the 30th June 1952 containing the following text :

[See note I]

I have pleasure in confirming the above text, which represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

Cte. F. DU CHASTEL

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM EXTENDING THE
AGREEMENT OF 30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 1952 CONCERN-
ING THE CATTLE TRADE BETWEEN IRELAND AND
BELGIUM.² DUBLIN, 29 AND 30 JUNE 1953

I

From the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland to the Belgian Minister at Dublin

Dublin, 29th June, 1953

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement concerning the cattle trade between Ireland and Belgium which was concluded by the Exchange of Notes of 30th June/1st July, 1952.

The Government of Ireland understand that the following arrangements for the period ending on the 30th June, 1956, have now been agreed upon as a result of recent discussions between representatives of the Irish and Belgian Governments :

1. The Belgian Government will ensure the delivery of import licences for the importation of a minimum of 7,200 head of Irish cattle for serum purposes during the year 1st July, 1953-30th June, 1954; the Belgian Government anticipate that actual imports during that year may reach a total of 9,000 head.

2. The Belgian Government will ensure the delivery of import licences for the importation of a least 7,200 head of Irish cattle for serum purposes during the year 1st July, 1954-30th June, 1955, and will consult with the Irish Government before the 30th June, 1954, regarding the precise figure for the year 1954/55 and the estimated figure for the year 1955/56.

3. The Irish Government undertake to grant the necessary export facilities for the numbers of cattle specified in paragraph 1 and eventually agreed upon in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2. They will endeavour to ensure that the facilities in question will permit the export of cattle to Belgium at the rate of 800 head per month during the greater part of the year 1st July, 1953-30th June, 1954. The Belgian Government appreciate that adverse circumstances in any year may necessitate the restriction of the numbers exported during the months March, April and May. Nevertheless, the Irish Government undertake that the number of cattle for which export facilities

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1953, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² See p. 182 of this volume.

will be granted in any one month will not be less than half the annual monthly rate agreed upon.

4. The Belgian Government will inform the Irish Government of the importers appointed from time to time to purchase Irish cattle and the necessary export facilities will be granted to the exporters selected by the importers in question.

My Government also understand that imports of cattle into Belgium for serum purposes will, in accordance with the existing assurance on the part of the Belgian Government, continue to be confined to Irish animals. They would, however, raise no objection to imports of cattle for serum purposes into Belgium from sources other than Ireland should Belgian requirements necessitate imports in numbers greater than may be available at the time from Ireland; it is understood that such imports would be of an exceptional and temporary nature and would not take place without prior consultation with the Irish Government.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would be so good as to confirm that the foregoing represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

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

Proinsias MAC AOGÁIN
Minister for External Affairs

II

From the Belgian Minister at Dublin to the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland

Dublin, 30th June, 1953

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's Note of the 29th June, 1953, containing the following text :

[*See note I*]

I have pleasure in confirming the above text, which represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

Cte. F. DU CHASTEL

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM EXTENDING THE
AGREEMENT OF 30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 1952 CON-
CERNING THE CATTLE TRADE BETWEEN IRELAND
AND BELGIUM.² DUBLIN, 12 OCTOBER 1954

I

From the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland to the Belgian Minister at Dublin

Dublin, 12th October, 1954

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement concerning the cattle trade between Ireland and Belgium which was concluded by the Exchange of Notes of the 30th June/1st July, 1952.

The Government of Ireland understand that the following arrangements for the period ending on the 30th June, 1957, have now been agreed upon as a result of recent discussions between representatives of the Irish and Belgian Governments :

1. The Belgian Government will ensure the delivery of import licences for the importation of a minimum of 7,200 head of Irish cattle for serum purposes during the year 1st July, 1954-30th June, 1955.

2. The Belgian Government will ensure the delivery of import licences for the importation of at least 5,000 head of Irish cattle for serum purposes during the year 1st July, 1955-30th June, 1956, and will consult with the Irish Government before the 30th June, 1955, regarding the eventual figure for 1955/56, which may be of the order of 7,200 head, and the estimated figure for 1956/57.

3. The Irish Government undertake to grant the necessary export facilities for the numbers of cattle specified in paragraph 1 and eventually agreed upon in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2. They will endeavour to ensure that the facilities in question will permit the export of cattle to Belgium at the rate of 800 head per month during the greater part of each year. The Belgian Government appreciate that adverse circumstances in any year may necessitate the restriction of the numbers exported during the months March, April and May. Nevertheless, the Irish Government undertake that the number of cattle for which export facilities will be granted in any one month will not be less than 400 head.

¹ Came into force on 12 October 1954 by the exchange of the said notes.

² See p. 182 of this volume.

4. The Belgian Government will inform the Irish Government of the importers appointed from time to time to purchase Irish cattle, and the necessary export facilities will be granted to the exporters selected by the importers in question.

5. The Irish Government takes note of the Belgian Government's view that technical developments in the treatment of foot and mouth disease may, in due course, affect Belgium's import requirements of cattle for serum purposes. In the meantime, it is the Belgian Government's intention to continue to look to Ireland as Belgium's source of cattle for these purposes.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would be so good as to confirm that the foregoing represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

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

Liam COSGRAVE
Minister for External Affairs

II

From the Belgian Minister at Dublin to the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland

Dublin, 12th October, 1954

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's Note of the 12th October, 1954, containing the following text :

[See note I]

I have pleasure in confirming the above text, which represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

A. DE LAUBESPIN

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM EXTENDING THE
AGREEMENT OF 30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 1952 CONCERN-
ING THE CATTLE TRADE BETWEEN IRELAND AND
BELGIUM.² DUBLIN, 31 DECEMBER 1957

I

From the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland to the Belgian Minister at Dublin

Dublin, 31st December, 1957

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement concerning the cattle trade between Ireland and Belgium which was concluded by the Exchange of Notes of the 30th June-1st July, 1952.

The Government of Ireland understand that the following arrangements for the period ending 30th June, 1958, have now been agreed upon as a result of recent discussions between representatives of the Irish and Belgian Governments :

1. The Belgian Government will ensure the delivery of import licences for the importation of a minimum of 5,500 head of Irish cattle for serum purposes during the year 1st July, 1957-30th June, 1958.
2. Should a trade agreement between Benelux and Ireland not be negotiated before the 30th June, 1958, the Belgian Government will consult with the Irish Government before the 30th June, 1958, in order to confirm the figure for 1958/59.
3. The Irish Government undertake to grant the necessary export facilities for the numbers of cattle specified in paragraph 1. They will endeavour to ensure that the facilities in question will permit the export of cattle to Belgium at the rate of 600 head per month during the greater part of the year and that the number of cattle for which export facilities shall be granted in any one month shall not be less than 400.
4. The Belgian Government will inform the Irish Government of the importers appointed from time to time to purchase Irish cattle and the necessary export facilities will be granted to the exporters selected by the importers in question.

¹ Came into force on 31 December 1957 by the exchange of the said notes.

² See p. 182 of this volume.

5. Should the Belgian Government require cattle for serum purposes in excess of the number specified in paragraph 1 during the continuance of this Agreement they will continue to look to Ireland as the traditional source of supply of such cattle.

6. In the event of the Belgian licensing system for the importation of live cattle being substantially altered during the period of operation of this Agreement, the two Governments agree to consult each other forthwith in order to maintain the regular supply to Belgium of Irish cattle suitable for serum purposes.

7. The present Agreement may be reviewed, should a trade agreement be negotiated between the Governments of Benelux and the Irish Government during the period of operation of this Agreement.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would be so good as to confirm that the foregoing represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

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

Proinsias MAC AOGÁIN

II

From the Belgian Minister at Dublin to the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland

Dublin, 31st December, 1957

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's Note of the 31st December, 1957, containing the following text :

[*See note I*]

I have pleasure in confirming the above text, which represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

A. DE LAUBESPIN

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM EXTENDING THE
AGREEMENT OF 30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 1952 CONCERN-
ING THE CATTLE TRADE BETWEEN IRELAND AND
BELGIUM.² DUBLIN, 31 DECEMBER 1958

I

From the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland to the Belgian Minister at Dublin

31st December, 1958

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement concerning the cattle trade between Ireland and Belgium which was concluded by the Exchange of Notes of the 30th June-1st July, 1952.

The Government of Ireland understand that the following arrangements for the period ending 30th June, 1959, have now been agreed upon as a result of recent discussions between representatives of the Irish and Belgian Governments :

1. The Belgian Government will ensure the delivery of import licences for the importation of a minimum of 5,500 head of Irish cattle for serum purposes during the year 1st July, 1958-30th June, 1959.

2. Should the Belgian Government require cattle for serum purposes in excess of the number specified in paragraph 1 during the continuance of this Agreement, they will continue to look to Ireland as the traditional source of supply of such cattle. They estimate that such excess may be of the order of one thousand.

3. The Irish Government undertake to grant the necessary export facilities for the number of cattle specified in paragraph 1 and for such additional number as may be required. They will endeavour to ensure that the facilities in question will permit the export of cattle to Belgium at the rate of 600 head per month during the greater part of the year and that the number of cattle for which export facilities shall be granted in any one month shall not be less than 400.

4. The Belgian Government will inform the Irish Government of the importers appointed from time to time to purchase Irish cattle and the necessary export facilities will be granted to the exporters selected by the importers in question.

¹ Came into force on 31 December 1958 by the exchange of the said notes.

² See p. 182 of this volume.

5. In the event of the Belgian licensing system for the importation of live cattle being substantially altered during the period of operation of this Agreement, the two Governments agree to consult each other forthwith in order to maintain the regular supply to Belgium of Irish cattle suitable for serum purposes.

6. Should a trade agreement between Benelux and Ireland not be negotiated before the 30th June, 1959, the Belgian Government will consult with the Irish Government before the 30th June, 1959, in order to confirm the figure for 1959/60.

7. The present Agreement may be reviewed, should a trade agreement be negotiated between the Governments of Benelux and the Irish Government during the period of operation of this Agreement.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would be so good as to confirm that the foregoing represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

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

Proinsias MAC AOGÁIN

II

From the Belgian Minister at Dublin to the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland

31st December, 1958

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's Note of the 31st of December, 1958, containing the following text :

[See note I]

I have pleasure in confirming the above text which represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

A. DE LAUBESPIN

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM EXTENDING THE
AGREEMENT OF 30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 1952 CONCERN-
ING THE CATTLE TRADE BETWEEN IRELAND AND
BELGIUM.² DUBLIN, 12 SEPTEMBER 1959

I

*From the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland to the Belgian Ambassador
at Dublin*

12 September, 1959

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement concerning the cattle trade between Ireland and Belgium which was concluded by the Exchange of Notes of the 30th June-1st July, 1952.

The Government of Ireland understand that the following arrangements for the period ending 30th June, 1960, have now been agreed upon as a result of recent discussions between representatives of the Irish and Belgian Governments :

1. The Belgian Government will ensure the delivery of import licences for the importation of a minimum of 5,500 head of Irish cattle for serum purposes during the year 1st July, 1959-30th June, 1960.
2. Should the Belgian Government require cattle for serum purposes in excess of the number specified in paragraph 1 during the continuance of this Agreement, they will continue to look to Ireland as the traditional source of supply of such cattle. They estimate that such excess may be of the order of one thousand.
3. The Irish Government undertake to grant the necessary export facilities for the number of cattle specified in paragraph 1 and for such additional number as may be required. They will endeavour to ensure that the facilities in question will permit the export of cattle to Belgium at the rate of 600 head per month during the greater part of the year and that the number of cattle for which export facilities shall be granted in any one month shall not be less than 400.
4. The Belgian Government will inform the Irish Government of the importers appointed from time to time to purchase Irish cattle and the necessary export facilities will be granted to the exporters selected by the importers in question.

¹ Came into force on 12 September 1959 by the exchange of the said notes.

² See p. 182 of this volume.

5. In the event of the Belgian licensing system for the importation of live cattle being substantially altered during the period of operation of this Agreement, the two Governments agree to consult each other forthwith in order to maintain the regular supply to Belgium of Irish cattle suitable for serum purposes.

6. Should a Trade Agreement between Benelux and Ireland not be negotiated before the 30th June, 1960, the Belgian Government will consult with the Irish Government before the 30th June, 1960, in order to determine the figure for 1960/61.

7. The present Agreement may be reviewed, should a Trade Agreement be negotiated between the Governments of Benelux and the Irish Government during the period of operation of this Agreement.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would be so good as to confirm that the foregoing represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

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

Proinsias MAC AOGÁIN

II

*From the Belgian Ambassador at Dublin to the Minister for External Affairs
of Ireland*

12th September, 1959

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's Note of the 12th September 1959 containing the following text :

[*See note I*]

I have pleasure in confirming the above text which represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

A. DE LAUBESPIN

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM EXTENDING THE
AGREEMENT OF 30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 1952 CONCERN-
ING THE CATTLE TRADE BETWEEN IRELAND AND
BELGIUM.² DUBLIN, 23 SEPTEMBER 1960

I

*From the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland to the Belgian Ambassador
at Dublin*

23rd September, 1960

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement concerning the cattle trade between Ireland and Belgium which was concluded by the Exchange of Notes of the 30th June-1st July, 1952.

The Government of Ireland understand that the following arrangements for the period ending 30th June, 1961, have now been agreed upon as a result of recent discussions between representatives of the Irish and Belgian Governments :

1. The Belgian Government will ensure the delivery of import licences for the importation of a minimum of 5,500 head of Irish cattle for serum purposes during the year 1st July, 1960-30th June, 1961.

2. Should the Belgian Government require cattle for serum purposes in excess of the number specified in paragraph 1 during the continuance of this Agreement they will continue to look to Ireland as the traditional source of supply of such cattle. They estimate that such excess may be of the order of one thousand.

3. The Irish Government undertake to grant the necessary export facilities for the number of cattle specified in paragraph 1 and for such additional number as may be required. They will endeavour to ensure that the facilities in question will permit the export of cattle to Belgium at the rate of 600 head per month during the greater part of the year and that the number of cattle for which export facilities shall be granted in any one month shall not be less than 400.

4. The Belgian Government will inform the Irish Government of the importers appointed from time to time to purchase Irish cattle and the necessary export facilities will be granted to the exporters selected by the importers in question.

¹ Came into force on 23 September 1960 by the exchange of the said notes.

² See p. 182 of this volume.

5. In the event of the Belgian licensing system for the importation of live cattle and or serum cattle being substantially altered during the period of operation of this Agreement, the two Governments agree to consult each other forthwith in order to arrange for the regular supply to Belgium of Irish cattle suitable for serum purposes.

6. Should a Trade Agreement between Benelux and Ireland not be negotiated before the 30th June, 1961, the Belgian Government will consult with the Irish Government before the 30th June, 1961, in order to determine the figure for 1961/62.

7. The present Agreement may be reviewed, should a Trade Agreement be negotiated between the Governments of Benelux and the Irish Government during the period of operation of this Agreement.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would be so good as to confirm that the foregoing represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

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

Proinsias MAC AOGÁIN

II

*From the Belgian Ambassador at Dublin to the Minister for External Affairs
of Ireland*

23rd September, 1960

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's Note of the 23rd September, 1960, containing the following text :

[*See note I*]

I have pleasure in confirming the above text which represents a correct statement of the understandings reached.

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

A. DE LAUBESPIN