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No. 8146. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING A TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS. DUBLIN, 25 NOVEMBER 1949

I

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

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DUBLIN

25th November, 1949

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my letter of the 2nd September, 1948,² and to the discussions which have taken place in The Hague concerning trade relations between the Netherlands and Ireland, and to confirm that, in the course of these discussions, agreement was reached on the following points :

(1) In view of the favourable development of Netherlands exports to Ireland, the Netherlands Government undertakes in respect of the period of twelve months ending the 30th June, 1950, to grant the necessary import and currency licences for the goods listed in the Annex to this letter to a total value of £500,000 f.o.b. The Irish Government undertakes to continue its policy of affording all reasonable facilities for the admission to Ireland of products of Netherlands origin.

(2) The Netherlands Government undertakes to ensure the supply to Ireland of 40,000 tons of superphosphate of not less than 16% P₂O₅ content during the period to April, 1950.

(3) The Irish Government undertakes to grant facilities for the export to the Netherlands of 18,000 head of cattle during the period to January, 1950.

(4) 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.

¹ Came into force on 25 November 1949 by the exchange of the said notes.

² See p. 250 of this volume.

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

ANNEX

LIST OF QUOTAS FOR IRISH GOODS TO BE IMPORTED INTO THE NETHERLANDS EXCLUDING PURCHASES BY THE NETHERLANDS OF LIVESTOCK, GRAINS, RAW WOOL, BARYTES, SCRAP METALS, PIT PROPS, RABBIT SKINS (UNDRESSED), HORSE HAIR, COW HAIR AND PEAT MOSS

	£1,000
1. Tweeds handwoven	20
2. Woollen and worsted piece-goods (millwoven) and travelling rugs	60
3. Wool felt hoods for ladies' and men's hats	40
4. Cotton piece-goods	20
5. Ropes and cordages	17
6. Woollen outerwear, woollen socks and knitted and crocheted gloves	18
7. Shirts including collars and pyjamas	15
8. Other textiles :	
Rayon furnishing fabrics	1
Elastic and braids	8
Linen embroidery and lace	3
Woollen underwear	2
Ties and scarves of poplin and tweed	8
Rainwear	2
Ladies' evening dresses	3.5
Silk ribbons	0.5
9. Woollen carpet yarns and woollen handknitting yarns	16
10. Jute yarns	35
11. Rayon yarns	1
12. Leather gloves	1
13. Furs and fur garments	3
14. Footwear of all types	20
15. Fusel oil	2
16. Toys (soft and lead)	3
17. Feathers and down	3
18. Prune wine	2
19. Abrasives (paper and cloth)	20
20. Stout	1

	<i>£1,000</i>
21. Plasterboard and gypsum	13
22. Roofing slates	2
23. Brushes	5
24. Smoking pipes	2
25. Sports goods	5
26. Artificial horn in sheets	6
27. Spring interior mattresses	2
28. Glass containers	40
29. Miscellaneous commodities n.e.s.	100
	500

Notes to Annex

A. Any imports of articles coming under the heading "Miscellaneous commodities" (Item 29) will be limited to an amount of £5,000 per item.

B. If quantitative restrictions are removed from any item in the above list, the ceiling imposed by the quota shown will be removed. The quota will in that case lapse but the amount of the quota will not be added to other quotas shown or to the sum allotted to miscellaneous commodities. On the other hand, imports of goods coming under headings for which quantitative restrictions are removed exceeding the figures shown in the above list will not be charged against the total sum of £500,000.

C. The Netherlands Government undertakes as a general rule to issue licences for the goods coming under items 1-7 and 9, 10, 14, 19, 21, 28 for amounts not smaller than £500. For all other items as a general rule the minimum amount per licence will be £100. This undertaking shall not apply to items from which at any given moment quantitative restrictions are removed.

II

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

LEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

No. 2835

25th November, 1949

Excellency,

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

[See note I]

In reply, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Netherlands Government approve this proposal and likewise agree that Your Excellency's letter 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
Chargé d'Affaires

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS EXTENDING
THE TRADE AGREEMENT OF 25 NOVEMBER 1949.²
DUBLIN, 22 DECEMBER 1950

I

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

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DUBLIN

22nd December, 1950

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes of the 25th November, 1949,² and to discussions which have recently taken place between the Governments of Ireland and the Netherlands concerning trade between the two countries, and to confirm that in the course of these discussions agreement was reached on the following points :

(1) The Netherlands Government undertakes in respect of the period of twelve months ending the 30th June, 1951, to grant the necessary import and currency licences for the goods listed in the Annex to this letter. The Irish Government undertakes to continue its policy of affording all reasonable facilities for the admission to Ireland of products of Netherlands origin.

(2) Having regard to the fact that the importation of cattle into the Netherlands is now in private hands, the Netherlands Government undertakes to grant freely all necessary facilities for the importation of cattle from Ireland.

(3) The Irish Government for its part undertakes to grant all necessary facilities for the importation of superphosphate from the Netherlands.

(4) Any modification of the provisions of this Agreement which may become necessary as a result of decisions taken by the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation in the spheres of liberalisation of trade or non-discrimination in trade not liberalised shall be the subject of discussion between the two Governments.

¹ Came into force on 22 December 1950 by the exchange of the said notes.

² See p. 258 of this volume.

(5) 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 Your Excellency 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 Excellency's reply thereto be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

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

Seán MACBRIDE
Minister for External Affairs

ANNEX

LIST OF QUOTAS FOR IRISH GOODS TO BE IMPORTED INTO THE NETHERLANDS IN ADDITION TO PURCHASES BY THE NETHERLANDS OF LIVESTOCK, GRAINS, RAW WOOL, BARYTES, SCRAP METALS, PIT PROPS, RABBIT SKINS (UNDRESSED), HORSEHAIR, COW HAIR AND PEAT MOSS

<i>Quota No.</i>	<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Quota 1950/51</i>
		£
1	Blankets and Rugs	20,000
2	Woven garments of wool, including shirts, pyjamas, raincoats and ladies' evening dresses	20,000
3	Ropes and Cordages	20,000
4	Footwear	10,000
5	Lining and suede splits and leather for use as accessories with textile machinery	6,000
6	Stout	2,000
7	Sports goods	5,000
8	Artificial horn in sheets	6,000
9	Acid oil	5,000
10	Salmon smoked and fresh	10,000
11	Seeds for sowing	5,000
12	Shellfish	5,000
13	Miscellaneous commodities including spectacle frames, leather gloves, furs and fur garments, lace, visible index systems (portfolios, packets, signals), etc.	80,000
		£194,000

Notes to Annex

A.—Any imports of articles coming under the heading “ Miscellaneous commodities ” (Item 13) will be limited to an amount of £5,000 per item.

B.—If quantitative restrictions are removed from any item in the Annex, the ceiling imposed by the quota will also be removed. The undermentioned goods in the exportation of which the Irish Government is also interested, may now be freely imported into the Netherlands: woollen and worsted piece goods (millwoven and handwoven), woven garments other than wool, knitted garments (outerwear and underwear), ties and scarves, wool felt hoods, miscellaneous textiles such as elastic and braid, linen embroidery, silk ribbons, rayon furnishing fabrics and cotton piece goods, woollen and worsted yarn, fusel oil, toys soft and lead, feathers and downs, prune wine, abrasives (paper and cloth), plasterboard, gypsum, roofing slates, smoking pipes, glass containers, razor blades, brushes, jute yarns, rayon yarns, spring interior mattresses and wallpaper.

C.—If quantitative restrictions are restored on any of the items in the Annex which have been or will be liberalised, then the re-establishment of a quota in each such case will be considered by the Netherlands Government in the light of the rules established by the O.E.E.C.

D.—The Netherlands Government undertakes as a general rule to issue licences for the goods coming under items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for amounts not smaller than £500, while for all other items the minimum amount per licence will, as a general rule, be £100.

II

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

ROYAL NETHERLANDS LEGATION

DUBLIN

December 22nd, 1950

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of the 22nd December, 1950, by which you were good enough to set out the points on which agreement was reached during the recent conversations concerning trade relations between Ireland and the Netherlands. These points are as follows:

[See note I]

I have the honour to confirm that the Netherlands Government accepts the foregoing statement of the results of the conversations and is prepared to regard Your Excellency's Note and the present reply thereto as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

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

Snouck HURGRONJE

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS EXTENDING
THE TRADE AGREEMENT OF 22 DECEMBER 1950.²
DUBLIN, 29 OCTOBER 1951

I

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

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
DUBLIN

29th October, 1951

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes of the 22nd December, 1950,² and to discussions which have recently taken place between the Governments of Ireland and the Netherlands concerning trade between the two countries, and to confirm that in the course of these discussions agreement was reached on the following points :

(1) The Netherlands Government undertake in respect of the period of twelve months ending the 30th June, 1952, to grant the necessary import and currency licences for the goods listed in the Annex to this letter. The Irish Government undertake to continue their policy of affording all reasonable facilities for the admission to Ireland of products of Netherlands origin.

(2) Having regard to the fact that the importation of cattle into the Netherlands is in private hands, the Netherlands Government undertake to grant freely all necessary facilities for the importation of cattle from Ireland.

(3) The Irish Government for their part undertake to grant all necessary facilities for the importation of superphosphate from the Netherlands.

(4) Any modification of the provisions of this Agreement which may become necessary as a result of decisions taken by the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation in the spheres of liberalisation of trade or non-discrimination in trade not liberalised shall be the subject of discussion between the two Governments.

(5) 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 have indicated their wish to have them or any of them modified.

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1951, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² See p. 266 of this volume.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would be so good as to inform me whether the Netherlands Government accept the foregoing statement of the results of the discussions, in which case I would suggest that this Note and Your Excellency's reply thereto be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

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

Proinsias MAC AOGÁIN
Minister for External Affairs

ANNEX

LIST OF QUOTAS FOR IRISH GOODS TO BE IMPORTED INTO THE NETHERLANDS IN ADDITION TO PURCHASES BY THE NETHERLANDS OF LIVESTOCK, GRAINS, RAW WOOL, BARYTES, SCRAP METALS, PIT PROPS, RABBIT SKINS (UNDRESSED), HORSEHAIR, COWHAIR AND PEAT MOSS

<i>Quota No.</i>	<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Quota 1951/52</i>
		£
1	Blankets and rugs	20,000
2	Woven garments of wool, incl. raincoats and ladies' evening dresses	20,000
3	Clothing for women of fabrics of cotton, flax or of other textile materials covered by Netherlands tariff items 585d. (ladies' shower proof raincoats included)	5,000
4	Knitted garments (outerwear and underwear), incl. hose and gloves but excluding hose and socks of nylon	40,000
5	Ties and scarves	8,000
6	Ropes and cordages	20,000
7	Footwear	10,000
8	Lining and suede splits and leather for use as accessories with textile machinery	6,000
9	Glass containers	30,000
10	Acid oil	10,000
11	Salmon smoked	5,000
12	Seeds for sowing	5,000
13	Shellfish	2,500
14	Prune wine	2,500
15	Miscellaneous	100,000
		£284,000

Notes to Annex

A.—Any imports of articles coming under the heading “Miscellaneous” (Item 15) will be limited to an amount of £5,000 per item.

B.—If quantitative restrictions are removed from any item in the Annex, the ceiling imposed by the quota will also be removed. The undermentioned goods in the exportation of which the Irish Government are also interested, may now be freely imported into the Netherlands; woollen and worsted piece goods (millwoven and handwoven), woven garments other than wool, furs and fur garments, wool felt hoods, miscellaneous textiles such as elastic and braid, linen embroidery, silk ribbons, cotton piece goods, woollen and worsted yarn, fusel oil, toys (soft and lead), sporting articles, feathers and downs, stout, fresh salmon, abrasives (paper and cloth), plasterboard, gypsum roofing slates, smoking pipes, spectacle frames, jute yarns, spring interior mattresses, razor blades.

C.—If quantitative restrictions are restored on any of the items in the Annex which have been or will be liberalised, then the re-establishment of a quota in each such case will be considered by the Netherlands Government in the light of the rules established by the O.E.E.C.

D.—The Netherlands Government undertake as a general rule to issue licences for the goods coming under items 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 for amounts not smaller than £500, while for all other items the minimum amount per licence will, as a general rule, be £100.

II

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

LEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

No. 2542

29th October, 1951

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of the 29th October, 1951, by which you were good enough to set out the points on which agreement was reached during the recent conversations concerning trade relations between Ireland and the Netherlands. These points are as follows:

[*See note I*]

I have the honour to confirm that the Netherlands Government accepts the foregoing statement of the results of the conversations and is prepared to regard Your Excellency's Note and the present reply thereto as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

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

Snouck HURGRONJE

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE
 GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS EXTENDING
 THE TRADE AGREEMENT OF 29 OCTOBER 1951.²
 DUBLIN, 22 AUGUST 1952

I

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

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DUBLIN

22nd August, 1952

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the recent discussions concerning trade between Ireland and the Netherlands and to confirm that the Irish Government is prepared to prolong for a period of six months ending on the 31st December, 1952, the Trade Agreement between the Governments of Ireland and the Netherlands which was concluded by the Exchange of Notes of the 29th October, 1951.²

It is the understanding of the Irish Government that, in consequence of the prolongation of the Agreement, quotas for the importation into the Netherlands of the Irish goods listed in the Annex to the Notes of the 29th October, 1951, will be made available by the Netherlands Government during the six-monthly period 1st July-31st December, 1952, to the extent of 50% of the values shown in the Annex. It is also understood that as smoking pipes, plasterboard, and toys, have, since the 29th October, 1951, been made subject to quantitative restrictions on import into the Netherlands, the following quotas for the import of these commodities from Ireland will be made available by the Netherlands Government during the six-monthly period in question :

Smoking pipes	£1,500
Plasterboard	£10,000
Toys	£1,500

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1952, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² See p. 272 of this volume.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency 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 Excellency's reply thereto be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

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

Proinsias MACAOGÁIN
Minister for External Affairs

II

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

LEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

Dublin, 22nd August, 1952

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of the 22nd of August, 1952, regarding the prolongation of the Trade Agreement between the Netherlands and Ireland, reading as follows :

[See note I]

I have the honour to confirm that the Netherlands Government accepts the foregoing statement of the results of the discussions and is prepared to regard Your Excellency's note and the present reply thereto as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

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

Snouck HURGRONJE
Minister of the Netherlands

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE
 GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS FURTHER
 EXTENDING THE TRADE AGREEMENT OF 29 OC-
 TOBER 1951.² DUBLIN, 30 JANUARY 1953

I

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

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DUBLIN

30th January, 1953

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the recent discussions concerning trade between Ireland and the Netherlands and to confirm that the Irish Government are prepared, provided it is not subsequently replaced by an Agreement of a more permanent and comprehensive character, to regard as prolonged for a further year, ending on the 31st December, 1953, the Trade Agreement between the Governments of Ireland and the Netherlands which was concluded by the Exchange of Notes of the 29th October, 1951.²

It is the understanding of the Irish Government that, in consequence of the prolongation of the Agreement, the quotas for the importation into the Netherlands of the Irish goods listed in the Annex to the Notes of the 29th October, 1951, will be made available by the Netherlands Government during the year 1st January-31st December, 1953. It is also understood that the following additional quotas will be made available by the Netherlands Government during the same period :

Smoking pipes	£ 3,000
Plasterboard	£20,000
Toys	£ 3,000

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would be so good as to inform me whether the Netherlands Government accepts the foregoing statement of the

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

² See p. 272 of this volume.

results of the discussions, in which case I would suggest that this Note and Your Excellency's reply thereto be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

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

Proinsias MACAOGÁIN
Minister for External Affairs

II

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

LEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

30th January, 1953

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date, regarding the prolongation of the Trade Agreement between the Governments of the Netherlands and Ireland, reading as follows :

[See note I]

I have the honour to confirm that the Netherlands Government accepts the foregoing statement of the results of the discussions and is prepared to regard Your Excellency's Note and the present reply thereto as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments on the points covered.

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

Snouck HURGRONJE
Minister of the Netherlands

III

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

LEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

30th January, 1953

Excellency,

Allow me to bring to your notice that the application of the present Trade Agreement between our countries, as prolonged by our Exchange of Notes of today's date, to Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles shall be subject to the

approval of the respective Governments, which approval shall be understood to have been given if the said Governments have not notified their disapproval within three months from today.

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

Snouck HURGRONJE
Minister of the Netherlands

IV

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

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
DUBLIN

30th January, 1953

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date reading as follows :

[*See note III*]

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

Proinsias MACAOGÁIN
Minister for External Affairs