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**BELGIUM
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Agreement in respect of the regulation of the taxation of road
vehicles in international traffic. Signed at Brussels on 23 July
1970**

Authentic texts: French, Dutch and English.

Registered by Belgium on 18 June 1971.

**BELGIQUE
et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Accord relatif au régime fiscal des véhicules routiers en circulation
internationale. Signé à Bruxelles le 23 juillet 1970**

Textes authentiques: français, néerlandais et anglais.

Enregistré par la Belgique le 18 juin 1971.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND IN RESPECT OF THE REGULATION OF THE TAXATION OF ROAD VEHICLES IN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC

The Government of the Kingdom of Belgium and

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

Desiring to facilitate the growth of international tourism and the international carriage of goods by road,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

For the purposes of this Agreement:

- (a) the term "vehicle" shall mean any mechanically propelled road vehicle or any trailers for coupling to such vehicles whether imported with the vehicles or separately; and
- (b) the term "territory" shall mean:
 - (i) in relation to the United Kingdom: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland;
 - (ii) in relation to Belgium: the territory of the Kingdom of Belgium.

Article 2

(1) Vehicles which:

- (a) are registered in the territory of one of the Contracting Parties; and
- (b) are owned by persons resident in the territory of that Contracting Party; and
- (c) are temporarily imported into the territory of the other Contracting Party shall be exempted from the taxes and charges levied on the circulation or possession of vehicles in the territory of that other Contracting Party.

¹ Came into force on 3 April 1971, i.e. 30 days after the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at London on 4 March 1971, in accordance with article 4 (1).

(2) This exemption shall not extend to tolls, taxes and charges on fuel consumption or taxes or charges on transport.

Article 3

(1) The exemption provided for in Article 2 of this Agreement shall be granted in the territory of each Contracting Party so long as the conditions laid down in the Customs regulations in force in that territory for the temporary admission, without payment of import duties and import taxes, of vehicles described in Article 2 of this Agreement are fulfilled.

(2) Each Contracting Party may limit the duration of the exemption provided for in Article 2 to a period of one year, even if the vehicle is temporarily admitted without payment of import duties and import taxes for a longer period.

Article 4

(1) This Agreement shall be ratified. The exchange of instruments of ratification shall take place at London. The Agreement shall enter into force thirty days after the date on which the instruments of ratification are exchanged.

(2) The Agreement shall remain in force for a period of one year after its entry into force. Thereafter, it shall continue in force unless it is terminated by either Contracting Party giving three months' notice thereof to the other Contracting Party.

(3) This Agreement replaces, as respects vehicles registered in the Kingdom of Belgium when in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and vehicles registered in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland when in the Kingdom of Belgium, the Arrangement constituted by the Notes exchanged by the Contracting Parties at Brussels on 1st June, 1937.¹

¹ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. CXCVI, p. 209.

EN FOI DE QUOI les soussignés, dûment autorisés à cet effet par leurs Gouvernements respectifs, ont signé le présent Accord.

FAIT à Bruxelles, le 23 juillet 1970, en deux exemplaires, en langues française, néerlandaise et anglaise, chacun des textes faisant également foi.

TEN BLIJKE WAARVAN de ondergetekenden, daartoe behoorlijk door hun respectieve Regeringen gevolmachtigd, dit Akkoord hebben ondertekend.

GEDAAN te Brussel, op 23 juli 1970, in tweevoud, in de Nederlandse, de Franse en de Engelse taal, zijnde ieder dezer teksten gelijkelijk authentiek.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Brussels, this 23rd day of July 1970, in the English, French and Dutch languages, each text being equally authoritative.

Pour le Gouvernement
du Royaume de Belgique:

Voor de Regering
van het Koninkrijk België:

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Belgium:

[Signed – Signé]
P. HARMEL
[SEAL – SCEAU]

Pour le Gouvernement
du Royaume-Uni de Grande-
Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord:

Voor de Regering
van het Verenigd Koninkrijk
van
Groot-Brittannië
en Noord-Ierland:

For the Government
of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland:

[Signed – Signé]
J. BEITH
[SEAL – SCEAU]