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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the declared intention of the Government of the United Kingdom to introduce a variable general levyscheme for cereals from July 1, 1971 (with annex). London, 1 July 1971**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à une déclaration d'intention du Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni sur l'établissement d'un barème de droits général et variable applicable aux produits céréaliers à compter du 1<sup>er</sup> juillet 1971 (avec annexe). Londres, 1<sup>er</sup> juillet 1971**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND  
NORTHERN IRELAND CONCERNING THE DECLARED  
INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED  
KINGDOM TO INTRODUCE A VARIABLE GENERAL  
LEVY SCHEME FOR CEREALS FROM JULY 1, 1971

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*The British Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Foreign and  
Commonwealth Office, to the American Ambassador*

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE  
LONDON

1 July 1971

MC-1/304/3

Your Excellency

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and representatives of the Government of the United States of America concerning the declared intention of the Government of the United Kingdom to introduce a variable general levy scheme for cereals from 1 July 1971.

Having regard to the common objective of the two Governments that this policy should be implemented without disrupting established patterns of trade between the two countries, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude an Agreement with the Government of the United States, in the following terms:

(a) The Government of the United Kingdom shall carry into effect the variable general levy scheme for cereals in close consultation with the Government of the United States, as well as with the Governments of the United Kingdom's other major suppliers. In particular, the Government of the United

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 July 1971, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

Kingdom shall keep under review the operation of the scheme, and consult with the Government of the United States and the Governments of the United Kingdom's other major suppliers in good time before making any significant change. Either Government shall be free to require consultations at any time on the operation of the scheme, having regard to the objective set out in paragraph 2 of this Note, in particular in the event of a relevant change or prospective change in circumstances.

(b) Consultations about initial price levels have taken place, and for the crop year 1971-72 and during the remainder of the calendar year 1972 (subject to any agreed variations on individual items), minimum import prices under the scheme shall not exceed the levels set out in the Annex to this Note.

(c) The Government of the United Kingdom shall exempt from levy under the scheme imports of maize for the manufacture of starch, glucose and spirituous beverages when accompanied by a certificate provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food against a declaration that the imports are to be used for the specified purpose.

(d) Having consulted the other Governments principally concerned and having obtained their concurrence the Government of the United Kingdom shall eliminate from 1 July 1971 the most-favoured-nation tariff of 10% ad valorem on grain sorghums, including milo (ex tariff heading BTN 10.07) for the period of this agreement.

(e) In consideration of the above, the Government of the United States shall not, while the Agreement proposed in this Note remains in force, exercise, with respect to the grains and cereal flours listed in the annex to this Note, the rights they have by virtue of the tariff bindings in Schedule XIX annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,<sup>1</sup> it being understood that these rights remain unimpaired.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United States, I have the honour to propose that this Note and its Annex, together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense, shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply and shall be subject to termination by either Government giving not less than three months' notice in writing to the other.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

[Signed]

ANTHONY KERSHAW

His Excellency the United States Ambassador

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 1 to 8, as well as annex A in volumes 609, 620 to 629, 640, 651, 661 to 665, 668, 690, 699, 735, 737, 741, 753, 761 to 763, 771, 779, 788, 797 and 798.

Annex to the Note of 1 July 1971

From Mr. Anthony Kershaw MC, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary

To His Excellency the United States Ambassador

**SCHEDULE. MINIMUM IMPORT PRICE LEVELS**  
*as prescribed in The Price Stability of Imported Products*

1 <i>Tariff Heading</i>	2 <i>Description of Imports</i>		1971		
			<i>July-Aug.-Sep.</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>
			10.01	Wheat	A. Denatured wheat . . . . .
		B. Other wheat			
		1. EEC milling; Finnish milling; Greek milling; Spanish milling; Swedish milling; wheats of comparable quality . . . . .	27.25	27.55	27.8
		2. Australian fair average quality; Canadian Soft Eastern White; United States Soft White No. 2; United States Soft Red Winter No. 2; United States Hard and Dark Hard Winters Nos. 1 and 2 with in each case less than 12 per cent by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content; wheats of comparable quality . . . . .	28.65	28.95	29.2
		3. United States Hard and Dark Hard Winters Nos. 1 and 2 with in each case less than 13 per cent but not less than 12 per cent by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content; wheats of comparable quality . . . . .	29.80	30.10	30.40
		4. Argentinian; Canadian Manitoba Northern No. 4; United States Hard and Dark Hard Winters Nos. 1 and 2 with in each case less than 14 per cent but not less than 13 per cent by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content; wheats of comparable quality . . . . .	30.90	31.20	31.50
		5. Canadian Manitoba Northern No. 3; United States Northern, Dark Northern and Red Springs Nos. 1 and 2 with in each case less than 14 per cent by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content; United States Hard and Dark Hard Winters Nos. 1 and 2 with in each case 14 per cent or more by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content; wheats of comparable quality . . . . .	31.75	32.05	32.35
		6. Canadian Manitoba Northern Nos. 1 and 2; United States Northern, Dark Northern and Red Springs Nos. 1 and 2 with in each case 14 per cent or more by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content; wheats of comparable quality . . . . .	32.60	32.90	33.20

FOR CEREALS, CEREAL PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS  
(Minimum Import Price Levels [Cereals]) Order 1971

<sup>3</sup> Minimum Import Price Level (£ per ton)											
1972											
Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.-Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
5.55	25.85	26.15	26.45	26.75	27.05	27.35	27.65	26.75	27.05	27.35	27.65
3.15	28.45	28.75	29.05	29.35	29.65	29.95	30.25	29.55	29.85	30.15	30.45
9.55	29.85	30.15	30.45	30.75	31.05	31.35	31.65	31.05	31.35	31.65	31.95
0.70	31.00	31.30	31.60	31.90	32.20	32.50	32.80	32.25	32.55	32.85	33.15
1.80	32.10	32.40	32.70	33.00	33.30	33.60	33.90	33.50	33.80	34.10	34.40
32.65	32.95	33.25	33.55	33.85	34.15	34.45	34.75	34.40	34.70	35.00	35.30
33.50	33.80	34.10	34.40	34.70	35.00	35.30	35.60	35.30	35.60	35.90	36.20

1 Tariff Heading	2 Description of Imports		1971			
			Jul.-Aug.-Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	
			10.03	Barley	A. Barley having a potential diastatic activity of not less than 170 degrees . . . . .	28.55
		B. Other . . . . .	23.55	23.85	24.1	
10.04	Oats . . . . .		23.55	23.85	24.1	
10.05	Maize (Other than sweet corn on the cob) . . . . .		24.65	24.95	25.2	
10.07	Grain sorghum . . . . .		24.10	24.40	24.7	
11.01	Cereal flours (other than rice flour)	A. Wheat flours not containing chalk and containing not more than 1 per cent by weight of fibre at the prescribed standard moisture content.	1. Containing 1 per cent or more by weight of natural ash at the prescribed standard moisture content . . .	31.75	32.05	32.3
			2. Containing less than 1 per cent by weight of natural ash at the prescribed standard moisture content	39.35	39.65	39.9
		B. Wheat flours containing chalk and not more than 1 per cent by weight of fibre at the prescribed standard moisture content.	1. Containing not less than 0.7 per cent by weight of natural ash at the prescribed standard moisture content	39.35	39.65	39.9
			2. Containing less than 10 per cent by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content . . . . .	39.35	39.65	39.9
		3. Containing 10 per cent or more but not more than 12 per cent by weight of protein at the prescribed				

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Minimum Import Price Level (£ per ton)											
1972											
Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.-Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
9.45	29.75	30.05	30.35	30.65	30.95	31.25	31.55	30.50	30.80	31.10	31.40
4.45	24.75	25.05	25.35	25.65	25.95	26.25	26.55	25.50	25.80	26.10	26.40
4.45	24.75	25.05	25.35	25.65	25.95	26.25	26.55	25.50	25.80	26.10	26.40
5.55	25.85	26.15	26.45	26.75	27.05	27.35	27.65	26.75	27.05	27.35	27.65
5.00	25.30	25.60	25.90	26.20	26.50	26.80	27.10	26.10	26.40	26.70	27.00
2.65	32.95	33.25	33.55	33.85	34.15	34.45	34.75	34.40	34.70	35.00	35.30
0.25	40.55	40.85	41.15	41.45	41.75	42.05	42.35	42.60	42.90	45.20	43.50
0.25	40.55	40.85	41.15	41.45	41.75	42.05	42.35	42.60	42.90	43.20	43.50
0.25	40.55	40.85	41.15	41.45	41.75	42.05	42.35	42.60	42.90	43.20	43.50

1 Tariff Heading	2 Description of Imports		1971		
			Jul.-Aug.Sep.	Oct.	No
			11.01 (Cont.)		standard moisture content . . . . .
		4. Containing more than 12 per cent by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content	49.50	49.80	50.
	C. Other flours.	1. of barley . . . . .	27.20	27.50	27.
		2. of maize . . . . .	28.30	28.60	28.
		3. of oats . . . . .	27.20	27.50	27.
		4. other . . . . .	27.20	27.50	27.
11.02	Cereal groats, cereal meals, other worked cereal grains and germs of cereal (other than any products of rice and any blocked, pot and pearl barley):	A. of wheat:			
		1. groats, kibbled or cut . . . . .			
		2. meal	28.30	28.60	28.
		(A) denatured wheat meal . . . . .	28.30	28.60	28.
		(B) other:			
		(1) containing less than 10 per cent by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content . . . . .	39.35	39.65	39.
		(2) containing 10 per cent or more but not more than 12 per cent by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content . . . . .	44.45	44.75	45.
		(3) containing more than 12 per cent by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content . . . . .	49.50	49.80	50.
		3. rolled, flaked, crushed or bruised . . . . .	30.00	30.30	30.
		4. other processed . . . . .	28.30	28.60	28.
		B. of barley:			
		1. groats, meals, kibbled or cut . . . . .	27.20	27.50	27.
		2. rolled, flaked, crushed or bruised . . . . .	28.90	29.20	29.
		3. other processed . . . . .	27.20	27.50	27.

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Minimum Import Price Level (£ per ton)											
1972											
Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.-Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
5.35	45.65	45.95	46.25	46.55	46.85	47.15	47.45	48.10	48.40	48.70	49.00
0.40	50.70	51.00	51.30	51.60	51.90	52.20	52.50	53.55	53.85	54.15	54.45
8.10	28.40	28.70	29.00	29.30	29.60	29.90	30.20	29.45	29.75	30.05	30.35
9.20	29.50	29.80	30.10	30.40	30.70	31.00	31.30	30.70	31.00	31.30	31.60
8.10	28.40	28.70	29.00	29.30	29.60	29.90	30.20	29.45	29.75	30.05	30.35
8.10	28.40	28.70	29.00	29.30	29.60	29.90	30.20	29.45	29.75	30.05	30.35
9.20	29.50	29.80	30.10	30.40	30.70	31.00	31.30	30.70	31.00	31.30	31.60
9.20	29.50	29.80	30.10	30.40	30.70	31.00	31.30	30.70	31.00	31.30	31.60
0.25	40.55	40.85	41.15	41.45	41.75	42.05	42.35	42.60	42.90	43.20	43.50
5.35	45.65	45.95	46.25	46.55	46.85	47.15	47.45	48.10	48.40	48.70	49.00
0.40	50.70	51.00	51.30	51.60	51.90	52.20	52.50	53.55	53.85	54.15	54.45
0.90	31.20	31.50	31.80	32.10	32.40	32.70	33.00	32.50	32.80	33.10	33.40
9.20	29.50	29.80	30.10	30.40	30.70	31.00	31.30	30.70	31.00	31.30	31.60
8.10	28.40	28.70	29.00	29.30	29.60	29.90	30.20	29.45	29.75	30.05	30.35
9.80	30.10	30.40	30.70	31.00	31.30	31.60	31.90	31.30	31.60	31.90	32.20
8.10	28.40	28.70	29.00	29.30	29.60	29.90	30.20	29.45	29.75	30.05	30.35

1 Tariff Heading	2 Description of Imports		1971		
			Jul.-Aug.-Sep.	Oct.	Nov
			11.02 (Cont.)	<p>C. of maize:</p> <p>1. groats, kibbled or cut . . . . . 28.30</p> <p>2. meal</p> <p>(A) containing less than 9 per cent by weight of fibre at the prescribed standard moisture content . . . . . 28.30</p> <p>(B) containing 9 per cent or more by weight of fibre at the prescribed standard moisture content . . . . . 23.40</p> <p>3. rolled, flaked, crushed or bruised</p> <p>(A) flaked . . . . . 30.85</p> <p>(B) rolled, crushed or bruised . . . . . 30.00</p> <p>4. other processed . . . . . 28.30</p> <p>D. of oats:</p> <p>1. groats; meals; kibbled or cut . . . . . 27.20</p> <p>2. rolled, flaked, crushed or bruised . . . . . 28.90</p> <p>3. other processed . . . . . 27.20</p> <p>E. Other:</p> <p>1. groats, meal, kibbled or cut cereals . . . . . 27.20</p> <p>2. rolled, flaked, crushed or bruised cereals . . . . . 28.90</p> <p>3. other processed . . . . . 27.20</p>	
23.02	Bran Sharps and other residues derived from the sifting, milling or working of cereals other than of rice	Containing not more than 13 per cent by weight of fibre at the prescribed standard moisture content . . . . .	22.20	22.50	22.8

3 Minimum Import Price Level (£ per ton)											
1972											
Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.-Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
9.20	29.50	29.80	30.10	30.40	30.70	31.00	31.30	30.70	31.00	31.30	31.60
9.20	29.50	29.80	30.10	30.40	30.70	31.00	31.30	30.70	31.00	31.30	31.60
4.30	24.60	24.90	25.20	25.50	25.80	26.10	26.40	25.40	25.70	26.00	26.30
1.75	32.05	32.35	32.65	32.95	33.25	33.55	33.85	33.45	33.75	34.05	34.35
0.90	31.20	31.50	31.80	32.10	32.40	32.70	33.00	32.50	32.80	33.10	33.40
9.20	29.50	29.80	30.10	30.40	30.70	31.00	31.30	30.70	31.00	31.30	31.60
8.10	28.40	28.70	29.00	29.30	29.60	29.90	30.20	29.45	29.75	30.05	30.35
9.80	30.10	30.40	30.70	31.00	31.30	31.60	31.90	31.30	31.60	31.90	32.20
8.10	28.40	28.70	29.00	29.30	29.60	29.90	30.20	29.45	29.75	30.05	30.35
8.10	28.40	28.70	29.00	29.30	29.60	29.90	30.20	29.45	29.75	30.05	30.35
9.80	30.10	30.40	30.70	31.00	31.30	31.60	31.90	31.30	31.60	31.90	32.20
8.10	28.40	28.70	29.00	29.30	29.60	29.90	30.20	29.45	29.75	30.05	30.35
3.10	23.40	23.70	24.00	24.30	24.60	24.90	25.20	24.05	24.35	24.65	24.95

## II

*The American Ambassador to the British Parliamentary Under Secretary  
of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office*

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

LONDON

July 1, 1971

No. 18

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note No. MC-1/304/3 of the 1st of July 1971, together with its Annex, proposing an agreement between our two Governments regarding the importation into the United Kingdom of certain grains and cereal flours.

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the proposals made in your Note are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America and that my Government considers your Note, together with its Annex, and this reply as constituting an agreement between our two Governments with effect beginning on this day's date.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my high consideration.

[Signed]

WALTER ANNENBERG  
Ambassador

Anthony Kershaw, Esquire, MC, MP  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
London

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