

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (JUNE 5 AND 12, 1953) BETWEEN CANADA AND INDIA
CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE INSPECTION OF
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASED IN CANADA BY INDIA

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OTTAWA, June 5th, 1953.

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to the suggestion put forward in recent correspondence that it would be desirable to confirm by an exchange of notes the inspection, prior to shipment to India, of supplies and equipment purchased by my Government in Canada. It is my understanding that the Government of Canada would be prepared to arrange for the inspection—desired by the Government of India—of such supplies and equipment, by the Inspection Services of the Department of National Defence in Canada, under the following conditions:—

1. The supplies and equipment shall be deemed to include—but not be limited to—arms and ammunition, vehicles and MT stores and other stores and equipment.
2. The inspection certificate shall be issued by competent technicians attached to or employed by the said Inspection Services in Canada and the inspections shall in all cases be completed within a reasonable time after the receipt of a written request for inspections from the High Commissioner for India in Canada who will provide the drawings, description, number and specifications, or otherwise samples, and the location of articles to be inspected. Where drawings or specifications issued by the United Kingdom or the United States in respect of certain items/stores are held by the Canadian Inspection Services, subject to restrictions on their use, the High Commissioner will obtain the consent of the Government of the United Kingdom or the United States of America, as the case may be, for the use of the said drawings and specifications in connection with the inspection of the aforesaid items/stores. The Inspection Services of the Department of National Defence of Canada will undertake to reproduce the required number of copies of those drawings and specifications which the High Commissioner provides or for the use of which the Government of India obtains permission, it being understood that such consent will be forwarded direct to the Government of Canada by the Government of the United Kingdom or the United States, as the case may be, through normal diplomatic channels.
3. The Inspection Service shall apply, for the acceptance or rejection of the equipment and supplies, the criteria and conditions of acceptance applicable in the case of inspection of the supplies and equipment purchased, or contracted for the Canadian Armed Forces.