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*The Secretary of State of the United States of America  
to the Canadian Ambassador to the United States*

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Canada and has the honor to refer to his note No. 106 of March 4, 1948, proposing that an agreement be entered into between the Governments of the United States of America and Canada in the following terms:

*Memorandum of Agreement*

In order to improve the sanitary practices prevailing in the shellfish industries of the United States and Canada, it is agreed as follows:

1. Whatever manual of recommended practice for sanitary control of the shellfish industry is approved by both the United States Public Health Service and the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare will be regarded as setting forth the sanitary principles that will govern the certification of shellfish shippers.

2. The degree of compliance with those principles obtained by the State authorities of the United States will be reported to the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare by the United States Public Health Service, and the degree of compliance obtained by the Provincial and other competent authorities in Canada will be reported by the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare to the United States Public Health Service.

3. Whenever inspections of shellfish handling facilities or of shellfish growing areas are desired by either party to this Agreement, the other party will endeavor to facilitate such inspections.

4. This Agreement may be terminated by either party giving thirty days' notice.

The memorandum of Agreement as set forth above is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America. As proposed in His Excellency's note, therefore, that note and the present reply are regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments effective on the date of the present note.

B.B.

Washington,

April 30, 1948.