

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (JUNE 26, 1936) EXTENDING TO THE FREE CITY OF DANZIG AS FROM JULY 11, 1936, THE CONVENTION RELATING TO THE TONNAGE MEASUREMENT OF MERCHANTS SHIPS BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY, IN RESPECT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND INDIA AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND SIGNED AT WARSAW APRIL 16, 1934

(Translation)

From the Polish Ambassador at London to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Kingdom

POLISH EMBASSY

LONDON, June 26, 1936.

SIR,—Acting on instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency:

(1) That the Polish Government, to whom it pertains to ensure the conduct of the foreign relations of the Free City of Danzig in virtue of Article 104 of the Treaty of Peace signed at Versailles on the 28th June, 1919, and of Articles 2 and 6 of the Convention between Poland and the Free City of Danzig signed in Paris on November 9th, 1920, declares on behalf of the Free City of Danzig, and in execution of Article 3 of the Convention between Poland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand and India concerning the reciprocal recognition of tonnage certificates signed at Warsaw on April 16th, 1934, that the Free City of Danzig is a Contracting Party to this Convention of April 16th, 1934, and assumes the obligations and acquires the rights deriving therefrom.

(2) Moreover, the Polish Government has the honour to propose, in accordance with Article 3 above, the following conditions mentioned at the end of this Article:

(a) This Convention of April 16th, 1934, shall apply to the Free City of Danzig and to ships furnished with certificates of registry or other national patents duly issued by the competent Danzig authorities on or after June 14th, 1922, in the same way as to Polish territory and ships furnished with Polish documents.

(b) In conformity with the provisions of its Articles 4, 5 and 6, the Convention of April 16th, 1934, may be terminated by each of the High Contracting Parties separately in so far as its application to the Free City of Danzig is concerned.

(c) Notice of the termination of the Convention of April 16th, 1934, given by Poland in accordance with its Article 4 shall only take effect in respect of the Free City of Danzig if it contains a special clause to that effect.

(d) The application of the Convention of April 16th, 1934, in the territory of the Free City of Danzig shall take effect as from the fifteenth day following on the date of the reception of your reply stating that these conditions are accepted by His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand and by the Government of India.