

5. Japanese nationals, whether officials or otherwise, who leave Canada in the circumstances envisaged above will be allowed to take with them all personal property on receipt of assurance by the Canadian Government that reciprocal treatment will be accorded Canadian nationals in Japan.

6. If further instructions or advice are required, please indicate at once.

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État par intérim aux Affaires extérieures  
au haut commissariat de Grande-Bretagne*

*Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs to High Commission  
of Great Britain*

SECRET

Ottawa, April 15, 1941

My dear Mr. Hankinson,

I have delayed answering your letter of March 20th pending the adoption by the Government of certain changes which had been proposed in the basis of our control of exports. These changes have now been made. In the first place under Order in Council P.C. 2050 of March 25th all exports to all destinations, except countries within the Western Hemisphere (with the exception of the French colonies or possessions in that Hemisphere) or to parts of the Commonwealth or territories under British occupation or control, will require to be licensed. These new regulations came into force on April 1st. This Order in Council will shortly be rescinded and incorporated into a broader Order (which has already been passed and which will come into force fourteen days after gazetting). This broader Order centralizes our whole export control under a new branch which is being set up in the Department of Trade and Commerce.

You will see that as from April 1st export permits have been necessary for all exports from Canada to Japan. Insofar as essential commodities are concerned these new regulations are not of great importance, since nearly all of those products of which Canada is an exporter which are included in the list of German, Italian and Japanese deficiencies received with Sir Gerald Campbell's letter of December 20th to the Prime Minister, were already subject to control.

Insofar as our policy with respect to individual commodities is concerned, we have been, as you know, working closely with the United States authorities and at the same time the United Kingdom authorities have been fully informed and consulted. It might serve a useful purpose, however, if I go through the list under reference, picking out the commodities in which there is, or has been, any considerable trade between Canada and Japan and append a note to each with regard to our export licensing policy.