

**SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT
FOR THE REGULATION OF WHALING OF JUNE 8, 1937 EXTENDING
BEYOND MARCH 24, 1946 THE WHALING SEASON FOR
1945-46.**

Opened for signature in London, March 15, 1946.

The Governments of Canada, Chile, Denmark, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the Union of South Africa

Desiring, in view of the serious effect which the war conditions and those arising in the immediately post-war period have had on the world supply of whale oil, which is principally obtained from pelagic whaling operations regulated by the International Agreement for the Regulation of Whaling signed at London on the 8th June, 1937 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Agreement), as amended by the Protocols signed at London on the 24th June, 1938, and the 7th February, 1944, to put into force by agreement certain supplementary provisions in regard to pelagic whaling for the season 1945-46;

Have agreed as follows:—

ARTICLE 1

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7 of the Principal Agreement as amended by Article 1 of the Protocol of the 7th February, 1944, but subject to the provisions of Article 3 of that Protocol, any factory ship which, through unforeseen circumstances, has been unable to reach the whaling grounds until after the 24th November, 1945, shall be permitted to continue whaling operations after the 24th March, 1946, for a period not exceeding two calendar months from that date, provided that in no case shall it operate for a total period in excess of four months, such period to be continuous.

(2) For this purpose a full complement of not more than ten whale catchers may be employed by each factory ship, regardless of the period which such catchers may have already spent on the whaling grounds.

ARTICLE 2

The present Protocol shall come into force with respect to the Governments referred to in the preamble thereto on its signature on behalf of all the said Governments, except that the said Protocol shall come into force with respect to any Government signing subject to ratification upon receipt by the Government of the United Kingdom of notice of ratification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Protocol.

DONE in London, the 15th day of March, 1946, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of which certified copies shall be transmitted to all the signatory Governments.