

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (MAY 22, JUNE 7/10, 1935) EXTENDING FOR
NINE MONTHS THE COMMERCIAL "MODUS VIVENDI" OF
APRIL 12 AND 13, 1935, BETWEEN CANADA AND HAYTI

From the British Minister at Port-au-Prince to the Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs of Hayti.

BRITISH LEGATION

PORT-AU-PRINCE, May 22, 1935.

No. 257/70/35

Sir,
I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of
Canada has by administrative order accorded to Haytian products as from
April 15th the benefit of the lowest rate of duty applicable to similar foreign
goods imported into Canada.

Formal extension of Most Favoured Nation treatment will require legis-
lative action and in this connection the Canadian Government has informed me
that Parliament is likely to adjourn within a few weeks, and I understand that
it usually does not reassemble before January or February. It is clear that a
definitive commercial treaty could not be concluded before the adjournment of
Parliament, and the Canadian Government has therefore requested me to seek
the agreement of the Haytian Government to the extension of the term of the
present *Modus Vivendi* for a further nine months from July 15th, 1935, so that
legislative sanction can be obtained now for an agreement operative during the
whole period during which Parliament is not sitting, during which ratifications
of Treaties or Agreements could not of course be procured.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would inform me whether this pro-
posal is agreeable to the Haytian Government. If so, the extension could,
should you see no objection, be effected by an exchange of notes.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assur-
ance of my high consideration.

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