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The Department of External Affairs announced today that, by an exchange of notes between the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Ambassador of Turkey to Canada, the Governments of Canada and Turkey have agreed upon a Commercial Modus Vivendi which provides for the reciprocal exchange of most favoured nation tariff treatment.

Under the terms of this agreement, Canadian products imported into Turkey and Turkish products imported into Canada will not be subject to duties or charges higher than those levied on products of third countries. The agreement excepts any advantages accorded by Canada exclusively to other parts of the British Commonwealth and Empire, as well as advantages accorded by Turkey to countries which were separated from the Ottoman Empire in 1923.

The Modus Vivendi will remain in force for one year, after which it will be subject to termination by either Government at any time on giving three months' notice.

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