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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
au Gouverneur général en Conseil*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs to Governor General in Council*

Ottawa, November 5, 1946

The undersigned, Secretary of State for External Affairs, has the honour to report:

1. Under the authority of Section 11 of the Customs Tariff the Governor in Council is empowered to make such reductions of duties on goods imported into Canada from any other country or countries as may be deemed reasonable by way of compensation or concessions granted by any such country or countries.

2. By the termination of the mandate of the Government of France over Syria and Lebanon the advantages extended by Canada to those states in accordance with article XIV of the Canada-France Trade Agreement of May 12th, 1933, as amended by Article IV of the Additional Protocol of February 26th, 1935, are discontinued and the products of Syria and Lebanon revert to general tariff status unless provision is made by the Governor General in Council.

3. Syria and Lebanon of their own accord continue to grant Canada most-favoured-nation tariff treatment which was required under the mandate and have made no change in the other rights guaranteed to Canadians under Regulations 10 and 11 of the mandate which has now been extinguished.

The undersigned, therefore, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Trade and Commerce and the Minister of National Revenue has the honour to recommend that it be ordered, pursuant to Section 11 of the Customs Tariff that the tariff benefits formerly accorded to Syria and Lebanon in their capacities as mandated territories under Article XIV of the Canada-France Trade Agreement of May 12th, 1933, as amended by Article IV of the Additional Protocol of February 26th, 1935, continue to be extended to the products originating in and coming from Syria and Lebanon when conveyed without transshipment from a port of Syria or Lebanon or from a port of a country enjoying the benefits of British Preferential or Intermediate Tariff into a Customs Port of Canada and that this arrangement shall remain in effect as long as Syria and Lebanon continue to grant Canada most-favoured-nation tariff treatment or until otherwise decreed by the Governor in Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Cette recommandation fut approuvée le 19 novembre. Voir Décret du Conseil P.C. 4791.

<sup>1</sup>This recommendation was approved on November 19. See Order in Council P.C. 4791.