

**PROTOCOL AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT OF  
8th JUNE, 1937, FOR THE REGULATION OF WHALING**

*Signed at London, February 7, 1944*

The Governments of the Union of South Africa, the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Australia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Eire, New Zealand and Norway,

Being parties or signatories to the International Agreement for the Regulation of Whaling signed at London on the 8th June, 1937\* (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement of 1937), and to the Protocol signed at London on the 24th June, 1938\*\*, introducing certain amendments into the Agreement of 1937 (hereinafter referred as the Protocol of 1938); and

Desiring, in view of the fact that pelagic whaling operations in the area to which Article 7 of the 1937 Agreement applies have been interrupted for a considerable period by the existence of hostilities and in order to meet the present emergency without prejudicing the conservation of stocks of whales, to put into force by agreement such provisions as may be necessary with regard to pelagic whaling in this area when whaling operations are resumed there:

Have agreed as follows:—

**ARTICLE 1**

(i) The period fixed by Article 7 of the Agreement of 1937, during which factory ships or a whale catcher attached thereto may be used for the purpose of taking or treating baleen whales, shall be extended for the first season in which whaling operations are resumed in the area referred to in the said Article 7, so as to cover the period from the 24th November to the 24th March, both dates inclusive.

(ii) Each Government party to the present protocol shall give notice to the Government of the United Kingdom when whale factory ships registered under the law of any territory under its authority or otherwise under its jurisdiction engage in whaling operations in the area defined in Article 7 of the Agreement of 1937. The Government of the United Kingdom will inform the other Governments party to the present protocol of all notices received under this paragraph and shall itself similarly give notice to the other contracting Governments if whale factory ships registered under the law of any territory under its authority or otherwise under its jurisdiction engage in whaling operations in the said area.

(iii) For the purposes of paragraph (i) of this Article the first season in respect of which any notice has been given under paragraph (ii) above, shall be deemed to be the first season in which whaling operations are resumed. This season is hereinafter referred to as "the first season."

**ARTICLE 2**

The provision of Article 1 of the Protocol of 1938 relating to the taking of humpback whales in any waters south of 40 degrees south latitude shall apply during the first season.

\* For the text of this Agreement see *Canada Treaty Series 1938 No. 21.*  
\*\* For the text of this Protocol see *Canada Treaty Series 1941, No. 8.*