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*The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs of Australia  
to the Acting High Commissioner for Canada*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Canberra, 13th August, 1946.

Sir,

I have the honour by direction, to refer to your letter of 19th July, concerning suspension of the Canadian Customs duty on oranges during the period August to December of this year.

In reply, I have to advise that the Commonwealth Government concurs in the proposed suspension. This concurrence is, however, subject to the qualification that suspension is not to be interpreted in any way which would prejudice Australia's bargaining position in the forthcoming international trade negotiations.

In concurring in the proposed suspension, I am directed to express the wish of the Commonwealth Government that the Canadian Government will not press for any further suspension of the foreign import duty on oranges beyond 31st December, 1946.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. S. WATT,

*Acting Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. M. COURT,

Acting High Commissioner for Canada.

For the text of the Agreement, see Canada Treaty Series 1931, No. 8.