

LISBON, May 28th, 1954.

EXCELLENCY,

With reference to the Trade Agreement signed this day between our two countries, I have the honour to bring to the notice of Your Excellency that the Portuguese Government being aware of the efforts of the Government of Canada in trying to increase the production of codfish of types and qualities suitable to the Portuguese market, will grant licences for the importation each year as from July 1st, 1954, of a minimum of 3,000 tons of dried codfish, the produce of countries which are treated as part of the U.S. dollar area under its exchange control regulations, and to make available the exchange required for the payment of such fish.

Recognizing, however, the current difficulties in supplying large and medium fish for the Portuguese market, the Portuguese Government will be prepared to take the necessary measures to allow, within the above quota, the importation from the countries above described of a minimum of 1,000 tons of small codfish. It is clearly understood that the licensing of 1,000 tons of small fish is not conditional on the supplying of the full balance of the above quota.

Furthermore, the Portuguese Government, in order to avoid frustration of the intention of the Trade Agreement and in consideration of the cordial relations between Canada and Portugal, will recommend to the competent Portuguese authorities that the fish, produce of the countries above described, will receive in the Portuguese market a treatment equal to that accorded to any other similar fish sold therein, and also that the minimum established above be increased, provided that the conditions required in this letter concerning qualities and sizes are respected.

If the Canadian Government agrees with this proposal, I have the honour to suggest that this letter and the acknowledgment of Your Excellency shall constitute an integral part of the Trade Agreement signed today.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency,
The Hon. W. F. A. TURGEON, P.C., Q.C.,
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