

## TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND MEXICO

*Signed at Mexico, February 8, 1946*

The Government of Canada and the Government of the United Mexican States, desiring to strengthen the traditional bonds of friendship which unite the two countries and to facilitate further and to develop the commercial relations existing between Canada and Mexico, have resolved to conclude a Trade Agreement and have appointed for this purpose as their Plenipotentiaries:

The Government of Canada, Hugh Llewellyn Keenleyside, Esquire, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to Mexico, and the Honourable James Angus MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce; and

The Government of the United Mexican States, His Excellency Doctor Francisco Castillo Nájera, Secretary of External Relations;

Who, having communicated to each other their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed on the following Articles:

### *Article I*

1. The Government of Canada and the Government of the United Mexican States will grant each other, reciprocally, unconditional and unrestricted most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters concerning customs duties and subsidiary charges of every kind on importation or exportation established in their respective jurisdictions, and as regards the method of levying such duties, and, further, as regards the rules and formalities connected with importation or exportation, and with respect to all laws and regulations affecting the taxation, sale, distribution or use of imported goods within the country.

2. Accordingly, articles the growth, produce or manufacture of either country imported into the other shall in no case be subject, in regard to the matters referred to above, to any duties, taxes or charges other or higher, or to any rules or formalities other or more burdensome, than those to which the like articles the growth, produce or manufacture of any other foreign country are or may hereafter be subject.

3. Similarly, articles exported from the territory of Canada or Mexico and consigned to the territory of the other country shall in no case be subject, with respect to exportation and in regard to the above-mentioned matters, to any duties, taxes or charges other or higher, or to any rules or formalities other or more burdensome, than those to which the like articles when consigned to the territory of any other foreign country are or may hereafter be subject.

4. Any advantage, favour, privilege or immunity which has been or may hereafter be granted by Canada or Mexico in regard to the above-mentioned matters, to any article originating in any other foreign country or consigned to the territory of any other foreign country shall be accorded immediately and without compensation to the like article originating in or consigned to the territory of Canada or Mexico, respectively, and irrespective of the nationality of the carrier.

### *Article II*

Whenever the Government of either country proposes to impose or alter quantitative restrictions upon imports from the other country, or to allocate shares to the countries of export or change existing allocations, it shall give notice thereof in writing to the other Government and shall afford such other Government an opportunity to consult with it in respect of the proposed action.