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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO-DAY ANNOUNCED THE SIGNING OF A TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND. THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT ARE EMBODIED IN AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES WHICH WERE SIGNED TO-DAY IN SALISBURY, SOUTHERN RHODESIA, BY MR. W.J. MILLYARD, CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TRADE COMMISSIONER TO THE FEDERATION, AND THE HON. F.S. OWEN, FEDERATION MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, ON BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. THE AGREEMENT WILL TAKE EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 7.

THE TRADE AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO FORMALIZE CANADA-FEDERATION TRADE RELATIONS AND TO GUARANTEE THE CONTINUED GENERAL EXTENSION OF CONCESSIONS WHICH EXISTED PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SINGLE TARIFF IN THE FEDERATION.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT CANADA WILL CONTINUE TO EXTEND BRITISH PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT TO GOODS IMPORTED FROM THE FEDERATION. IN RETURN, THE FEDERATION WILL CONTINUE TO ACCORD TO CANADA THE RATES APPLICABLE TO GOODS FROM THE FULLY SELF-GOVERNING COUNTRIES OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH, EXCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM. IN ADDITION, A FEW SPECIAL TARIFF CONCESSIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY THE FEDERATION TO CANADA ON A SMALL NUMBER OF SPECIFIED GOODS LISTED IN THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

THE FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1953 FROM THE THREE TERRITORIES OF SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN RHODESIA AND NYASALAND. IN 1955 A SINGLE TARIFF WAS CREATED TO REPLACE THE SEPARATE TARIFFS WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN FORCE IN THE CONSTITUENT TERRITORIES. THE NEW TARIFF MADE PROVISION FOR PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT OF GOODS IMPORTED INTO THE FEDERATION FROM CANADA AS THE PREVIOUS ONES HAD DONE. AT THE SAME TIME CANADA HAS BEEN GRANTING BRITISH PREFERENTIAL TARIFF RATES TO IMPORTS FROM THE FEDERATION