

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES (17 and 18 November 1950) BETWEEN CANADA  
AND COSTA RICA CONSTITUTING A COMMERCIAL MODUS  
VIVENDI BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES**

*Chief of the Canadian Trade Delegation to the Minister of  
Foreign Relations of Costa Rica*

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica,

November 17, 1950.

MR. MINISTER:

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Canada, desiring to strengthen the traditional bonds of friendship and the good commercial relations which unite Canada and Costa Rica, has authorized me to propose to the Government of Costa Rica, through Your Excellency, the following Commercial *Modus Vivendi*:

ARTICLE I

- a) The Government of Canada and the Government of Costa Rica agree to grant each other, reciprocally, unconditional and unrestricted most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters referring to duties and other 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.
- b) 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 from any other foreign country are or may hereafter be subject.
- c) Similarly, articles exported from Canada or Costa Rica and consigned to 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 any other foreign country are or may hereafter be subject.
- d) Any advantage, favour, privilege or immunity which has been or may hereafter be granted by Canada or Costa Rica in regard to the above-mentioned matters, to any article originating in any other foreign country or consigned to any other foreign country shall be accorded immediately and without compensation to the like article originating in or consigned to Canada or Costa Rica respectively.