

I have taken due note of the contents of Your Excellency's communication and, in particular, of Your Excellency's statement that the change of Government was effected in complete tranquillity and that the new Colombian Government is firmly established in the whole of the territory of Colombia. I am happy to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Canada is gratified to learn that the new Colombian Government is unreservedly prepared to fulfill and will loyally fulfill all the international obligations of the Republic, that it will respect all current pacts including those in effect between Colombia and Canada, and that it will maintain diplomatic relations with friendly nations.

I have the honour and the pleasure to convey to Your Excellency the assurance that the Government of Canada fully reciprocates the wish expressed by Your Excellency in the name of the Colombian Government that the diplomatic relations between our two countries continue to develop normally in the spirit of traditional friendship which has characterized them at all times.

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EDMOND TURCOTTE

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au chef de mission en Uruguay*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Head of Post in Uruguay*

DESPATCH E-75

Ottawa, May 30, 1953

URUGUAY IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

The Department of Trade and Commerce has informed us that the Commercial Secretary in Buenos Aires has advised about a recent case of discrimination against Canadian goods in the allocation of foreign exchange for imports by Uruguay. In a circular dated November 6, 1952 an exchange quota of \$80,000 was made available for importation of seeds into Uruguay from the United States. Canadian seeds apparently were not eligible for importation under this quota and a Canadian seed exporting firm sought the assistance of the Department of Trade and Commerce in obtaining the removal of this discrimination. Recently a similar case occurred when an exchange quota, notified on March 28, 1953, of \$100,000 was established for imports of antibiotics from United States only.

2. I understand that the Honorary Commercial Agent for Canada in Uruguay, on investigating this case, was told by officials of the Exchange Control Commission that licenses for imports from the United States may be utilized for merchandise of United States origin and/or from Canada, except in cases where the Commission