

TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Government of Canada, represented by His Excellency Alexander Swinton Paterson, His Britannic Majesty's Minister Resident at Ciudad Trujillo, and the Government of the Dominican Republic, represented by His Excellency Arturo Despradel, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, desiring further to facilitate and develop the commercial relations existing between Canada and the Dominican Republic, have resolved to conclude a Trade Agreement and for this purpose have agreed upon the following Articles:

ARTICLE I

Canada and the Dominican Republic will grant each other unconditional and unrestricted most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters concerning customs duties and subsidiary charges of every kind and in the method of levying duties, and further, in all matters concerning the rules, formalities and charges imposed in connection with the clearing of goods through the customs, and with respect to all laws or regulations affecting the sale or use of imported goods within the country.

Accordingly, natural or manufactured products having their origin in either country 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 products having their origin in any third country are or may hereafter be subject.

Similarly, natural or manufactured products exported from the territory of Canada or the Dominican Republic 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 products when consigned to the territory of any third country are or may hereafter be subject.

Any advantage, favour, privilege or immunity which is or may hereafter be granted by Canada or the Dominican Republic in regard to the above-mentioned matters, to a natural or manufactured product originating in any third country or consigned to the territory of any third country shall be accorded immediately and without compensation to the like product originating in or consigned to the territory of Canada or the Dominican Republic, respectively.

ARTICLE II

Fish, pickled in brine, dry salted hake, pollock and cusk, and herrings and other smoked fish, wheat in grain and seed potatoes, the growth, produce or manufacture of Canada, shall, on their importation into the Dominican Republic, be exempt from the internal revenue taxes imposed in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 854 of March 13, 1935, and its amendments.

Moreover, with regard to seed potatoes, these shall be classified as vegetable garden seeds and, for Customs Tariff purposes, shall be appraised, free of Customs duties, under Item No. 977, of the Customs Importation and Exportation Law.