

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (December 21 and 28, 1954) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA IN REGARD TO THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE MARGIN OF PREFERENCE ON UNMANUFACTURED LOGS

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The High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa to the Secretary of State for External Affairs

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA
OTTAWA

DECEMBER 21, 1954.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to the Notes exchanged at Ottawa on the 26th February, 1954, and the 12th March, 1954,⁽¹⁾ in terms of which it was agreed to suspend, until 31st December, 1954, the margins of preference on unmanufactured logs, classified under Union tariff sub-items 279(a) (i) and (ii), which are guaranteed to Canada by virtue of the Trade Agreement of 1932⁽²⁾ between the Union and Canadian Governments.

I have been directed by the Union Government to propose that the margins of preference on unmanufactured logs be suspended for a further period on the understanding that:

- (a) such temporary suspension of the preference in question will be effective only until the 31st December, 1955, subject, however, to any extension of this arrangement which may be agreed between the two Governments on or before that date;
- (b) the temporary suspension of preferences will apply only in respect of logs which, being required specifically by South African plywood manufacturers, are admitted under rebate of duty pursuant to a recommendation of the South African Board of Trade and Industries; and
- (c) imports from Canada under tariff sub-items 279(a) (i) and (ii) will continue to enjoy duty free entry into the Union of South Africa.

If the arrangements set out above are acceptable to the Canadian Government, this Note and your confirmatory reply thereto will be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments with effect from the 1st January, 1955.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. C. DU PLESSIS
High Commissioner

The Secretary of State for External Affairs,
East Block,
Ottawa.

⁽¹⁾ Canada Treaty Series 1954, No. 15.

⁽²⁾ Canada Treaty Series 1933, No. 4.