

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (AUGUST 2 AND 31, 1935) CONSTITUTING  
A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE  
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

*From the Minister of External Affairs of the Union of South Africa to the  
Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PRETORIA, August 2, 1935.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa hereby undertake that all goods the growth, produce or manufacture of Canada not specially provided for in any Trade Agreement concluded between our two Governments, shall, when imported from Canada, into the territory of the Union of South Africa and the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be accorded, in respect of customs duties levied on imports, treatment not less favourable than that accorded to goods the growth, produce or manufacture of the most-favoured foreign nation, on His Majesty's Government in Canada undertaking to accord to goods the growth, produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa or the Mandated Territory of South West Africa, not specially provided for in any Trade Agreement concluded between our two Governments, when imported into Canada from the Union of South Africa or the Mandated Territory of South West Africa, in respect of customs duties levied on imports, treatment not less favourable than that accorded to goods the growth, produce or manufacture of the most-favoured foreign nation; provided that:—

the provisions of this Note shall not extend to favours actually granted or which may hereafter be granted by the Union of South Africa and the Mandated Territory of South West Africa to any State or Territory adjoining the Union of South Africa, or the Mandated Territory of South West Africa.

The present Note, and your reply in similar terms, intimating the concurrence of His Majesty's Government in Canada, in the proposal made herein will be regarded as an agreement between our two Governments in this matter with effect from the 1st July, 1935, provided that, in terms of the Law relating to Customs of the Union of South Africa, this Agreement shall lapse if not ratified by the Parliament of the Union of South Africa,\* by Resolution of both Houses during the next ensuing Session, and provided further that, if ratified, it shall be terminable by six months' notice on either side.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. B. M. HERTZOG

\*The present Agreement was approved by resolution of both Houses of Parliament of the Union of South Africa during its 1936 session.