Le premier ministre de Rhodésie du Sud au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia to Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELEGRAM

Salisbury, November 10, 1932

Your telegram of the 7th November. Under provision of law passed last Session of Southern Rhodesian Parliament, Trade Agreements concluded at Ottawa between Canada and Southern Rhodesia and the United Kingdom and Southern Rhodesia were brought into force in this Colony on the 13th October last and the necessary alterations and amendments to Customs Tariff brought into force the same day. I should be glad to be informed if your Government has now taken such action as may be necessary to give effect to undertaking that products of Rhodesia may be shipped through port of Beira without loss of preference.

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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au premier ministre de Rhodésie du Sud Secretary of State for External Affairs to Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia

Telegram

Ottawa, November 12, 1932

Your telegram November 10th. Bill to implement Canada-Southern Rhodesian Trade Agreement passed second reading in House of Commons November 7th. As soon as it has passed Senate and received assent will cable you respecting date on which it shall come into force in accordance with Article IV.¹

Section 3 of the Bill provides as follows: "After the said Agreement is brought into force, and so long as it remains in force, goods, the produce or manufacture of Southern Rhodesia, conveyed, without transshipment, from a port of any British country enjoying the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff, or any lower tariff, or from the nearest seaport accessible to Southern Rhodesia, into a sea, lake or river port of Canada, shall be admitted to Canada at the rates of duties provided in the said Agreement."

Our customs authorities state that this provision will permit Southern Rhodesian products to enjoy tariff preferences on importation into Canada even though shipped via Beira.

¹ The Agreement came into effect on January 2, 1933.

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¹L'accord entra en vigueur le 2 janvier 1933.