

*From the British Minister at Guatemala to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala*

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Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Canada is prepared, pending the coming into force of the Trade Agreement signed this day between Canada and Guatemala, to regulate the tariff relations between Canada and Guatemala, by the following provisions:

1. Articles the produce or manufacture of Guatemala shall not, on importation into Canada, be subjected to higher duties or charges than those levied on the like articles the produce or manufacture of any other foreign country.

2. In order to secure the advantages aforesaid, such articles shall be conveyed without trans-shipment from Guatemala, or from a port of a country enjoying the benefits of the British Preferential or Intermediate Tariff, into a sea, lake or river port of Canada.

3. Articles the produce or manufacture of Canada shall not, on importation into Guatemala be subjected to higher duties or charges than those levied on the like articles the produce or manufacture of any other foreign country.

4. The Tariff advantages set forth in paragraph three above do not extend to advantages now accorded by Guatemala to adjacent countries in order to facilitate frontier traffic, or to the advantages granted to another country in virtue of a customs union already concluded or which may come into existence.

It is understood that the present note and your reply No. 11680 will constitute an agreement between our two Governments which will enter into force on the 14th October of this year and will remain in force pending the coming into force of the Trade Agreement signed to-day between the two countries. The agreement to which this exchange of notes refers may, however, be terminated by either Government after thirty days' notice.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

J. H. S. BIRCH

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