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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the United States and Canada concluded on April 30, 1948, an agreement to provide for co-operation in certain aspects of the shellfish industry of the two countries. The agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Notes, is the result of discussions between the United States Public Health Service and the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare. Text of the Exchange of Notes is attached.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES
(March 4 and April 30, 1948)
BETWEEN
CANADA
AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REGARDING
SANITARY PRACTICES
IN THE SHELLFISH INDUSTRIES
AND RELATED MATTERS

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (MARCH 4 AND APRIL 30, 1948) BETWEEN CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING SANITARY
PRACTICES IN THE SHELLFISH INDUSTRIES AND RELATED
MATTERS.

I

The Canadian Embassy in the United States of America
to the Department of State

CANADIAN EMBASSY

Washington, March 4, 1948.

No. 106

The Canadian Ambassador presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and, on the instructions of his Government, has the honour to inform him that, in order to improve sanitary practices in the shellfish industries of Canada and the United States and to facilitate the exchange of information with reference to endorsement of shellfish certifications, the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare and the United States Public Health Service have agreed on the desirability of an Agreement being concluded on the points and in the terms set forth in the annexed memorandum.

If such an agreement is acceptable to the United States Government, it is the proposal of the Canadian Government that this note and its Annex together with a reply agreeing thereto, constitute an Agreement between the two Governments effective from the date of the reply from the United States authorities.

H. W.

ANNEX

Memorandum of Agreement

March 4, 1948.

In order to improve the sanitary practices prevailing in the shellfish industries of Canada and the United States, it is agreed as follows:

1. Whatever manual of recommended practice for sanitary control of the shellfish industry is approved by both the United States Public Health Service and the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare, will be regarded as setting forth the sanitary principles that will govern the certification of shellfish shippers.

2. The degree of compliance with those principles obtained by the State authorities of the United States will be reported to the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare by the United States Public Health Service, and the degree of compliance obtained by the Provincial and other competent authorities in Canada will be reported by the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare to the United States Public Health Service.

3. Whenever inspections of shellfish handling facilities or of shellfish growing areas are desired by either party to this Agreement, the other party will endeavour to facilitate such inspections.

4. This agreement may be terminated by either party giving thirty days' notice.

II

The Department of State
to the Canadian Embassy in the United States of America

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Canada and has the honour to refer to his note No. 106 of March 4, 1948, proposing that an agreement be entered into between the Governments of the United States of America and Canada in the following terms:

Memorandum of Agreement

In order to improve the sanitary practices prevailing in the shellfish industries of the United States and Canada, it is agreed as follows:

1. Whatever manual of recommended practice for sanitary control of the shellfish industry is approved by both the United States Public Health Service and the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare will be regarded as setting forth the sanitary principles that will govern the certification of shellfish shippers.

2. The degree of compliance with those principles obtained by the State authorities of the United States will be reported to the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare by the United States Public Health Service, and the degree of compliance obtained by the Provincial and other competent authorities in Canada will be reported by the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare to the United States Public Health Service.

3. Whenever inspections of shellfish handling facilities or of shellfish growing areas are desired by either party to this Agreement, the other party will endeavour to facilitate such inspections.

4. This Agreement may be terminated by either party giving thirty days' notice.

The memorandum of Agreement as set forth above is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America. As proposed in His Excellency's note, therefore, that note and the present reply are regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments effective on the date of the present note.

B. B.

Washington.
April 30, 1948.