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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AMENDING FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1946, THE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES OF AUGUST 20, 1932, AS REGARDS WOOL IMPORTED INTO CANADA.\***

Signed at Cape Town, April 16 and May 14, 1946

I

*The Acting High Commissioner for Canada  
to the Acting Secretary for External Affairs  
of the Union of South Africa*

CAPE TOWN, April 16, 1946.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes which took place in Ottawa on January 12 and 15, 1940, under which the Government of the Union of South Africa agreed to the suspension, for a period of four months dating from January 1, 1940, of the intermediate tariff of 10 cents per pound on wool not further processed than combed.

In December 1939, in view of the acute difficulty in securing wool supplies, the Canadian Government desired a temporary removal of this intermediate tariff and enquired whether the Union Government would be agreeable as South Africa enjoyed preferential tariff treatment with respect to wool, in accordance with Article IV and Tariff Item 549 of Schedule A of the 1932 Trade Agreement between Canada and the Union of South Africa.

The Canadian supply position with respect to wool tops has again deteriorated seriously since the latter half of 1945 and Canada is unable to obtain delivery of combed wool from Commonwealth countries, or Empire wool combed abroad, in sufficient quantities to meet her requirements and again finds it necessary to widen the field of purchase.

I have been instructed to request your consent to the waiving again of your margin of preference until December 1946. It would be appreciated if you could give this consent at an early date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. MacGILLIVRAY,  
*Acting High Commissioner for Canada.*

II

*The Acting Secretary for External Affairs  
of the Union of South Africa  
to the Acting High Commissioner for Canada*

CAPE TOWN, May 14, 1946.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 16th April, 1946, in regard to your Government's desire that the Union Government should agree to a temporary variation of the provisions of Article IV of the Union-Canadian Trade Agreement concluded at Ottawa on the 20th August, 1932, whereby the Canadian Government would be permitted to suspend, until December, 1946, the duty

\*For the text of the Trade Agreement of 1932, see Canada Treaty Series 1933, No. 4.

of 10 cents per pound weight leviable on wool tops and combed wool (ex Tariff Item 549) imported into Canada from countries whose products are subject to the intermediate rate of duty in the Canadian Customs Tariff.

I now have the honour to inform you that the Union Government agree to the temporary suspension of the preferential duty of 10 cents per pound weight on wool tops and combed wool for the period 1st May to 31st December, 1946.

This Note and your confirmatory reply thereto will be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments in the matter, it being understood that this Agreement shall lapse if not approved by resolution of both Houses of Parliament of the Union of South Africa in terms of the Union's Customs Legislation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. D. POHL,

*Acting Secretary for External Affairs.*

### III

*The Acting High Commissioner for Canada  
to the Acting Secretary for External Affairs  
of the Union of South Africa*

CAPE TOWN, May 14, 1946.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of May 14, reading as follows:

"I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 16th April, 1946, in regard to your Government's desire that the Union Government should agree to a temporary variation of the provisions of Article IV of the Union-Canadian Trade Agreement concluded at Ottawa on the 20th August, 1932, whereby the Canadian Government would be permitted to suspend, until December, 1946, the duty of 10 cents per pound weight leviable on wool tops and combed wool (ex Tariff Item 549) imported into Canada from countries whose products are subject to the intermediate rate of duty in the Canadian Customs Tariff.

I now have the honour to inform you that the Union Government agree to the temporary suspension of the preferential duty of 10 cents per pound weight on wool tops and combed wool for the period 1st May to 31st December, 1946.

This Note and your confirmatory reply thereto will be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments in the matter, it being understood that this Agreement shall lapse if not approved by resolution of both Houses of Parliament of the Union of South Africa in terms of the Union's Customs Legislation."

I am authorized by my Government to inform you that they accept the arrangement set out in the above Note and agree that your Note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Union of South Africa, which shall enter into force with effect from May 1, 1946, subject to the condition mentioned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. MacGILLIVRAY,

*Acting High Commissioner for Canada.*

