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*Letter A.*

*The Prime Minister of New Zealand to the Consul of Belgium in New Zealand.*

*Dominion of New Zealand,  
Prime Minister's Office, Wellington,  
December 5, 1933.*

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that, pending the conclusion of a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg and New Zealand, the New Zealand Government (1) will accord to the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg the same treatment in matters of commerce, customs and navigation as is or may be accorded to the most favoured foreign country, and (2) will admit into New Zealand goods, being the produce or manufacture of the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg and enumerated in the First Schedule hereto, at duties not higher than those set out in that Schedule, provided that the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg (1) grants to New Zealand the same treatment in matters of commerce, customs and navigation as is or may be accorded to the most favoured foreign country, and (2) admits into the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg goods, being the produce or manufacture of New Zealand and enumerated in the Second Schedule hereto, at duties not higher than those set out in that Schedule.

It is understood that the term "foreign country" in relation to New Zealand means a country not being part of the British Commonwealth of Nations nor a territory under British protection or suzerainty nor a mandated territory in respect of which the mandate is exercised by the Government of a part of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

It is further understood that the aforesaid treatment shall continue in force until the expiration of six months from the date on which either Government shall have given to the other notice of revocation of the arrangement.

I have, &c.

GEO. W. FORBES, *Prime Minister.*

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<sup>(1)</sup> The arrangement entered into force on and from December 16, 1933.

Letter B.

*The Consul of Belgium in New Zealand to the Prime Minister of  
New Zealand.*

*Dominion Farmers' Institute,  
Wellington, New Zealand,  
December 5, 1933.*

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note dated the 5th instant on the subject of the treatment to be accorded by the New Zealand Government to the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg in matters of commerce, customs and navigation and of the rates of duty to be charged on certain goods being the produce or manufacture of the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg and of New Zealand, pending the conclusion of a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between New Zealand and the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg.

Under instructions from my Government, I beg to inform you that the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg (1) will on their side accord to New Zealand the same treatment in matters of commerce, customs and navigation as is or may be accorded to the most favoured foreign country, and (2) will admit into the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg goods, being the produce or manufacture of New Zealand and enumerated in the First Schedule hereto, at duties not higher than those set out in that Schedule, provided that the New Zealand Government (1) grant to the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg the same treatment in matters of commerce, customs and navigation as is or may be accorded to the most favoured foreign country, and (2) admit into New Zealand goods, being the produce or manufacture of the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg and enumerated in the Second Schedule hereto, at duties not higher than those set out in that Schedule.

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I have, &c.  
ARMAND NIHOTTE,  
*Consul of Belgium in New Zealand.*

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FIRST SCHEDULE TO LETTER A AND SECOND SCHEDULE TO  
LETTER B.

Item No. of the Customs Tariff of New Zealand.	Tariff Item.	Rate of Duty payable in New Zealand on Articles produced or manufactured in the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg.
ex 55	Matches and vestas, viz. :—	
	(1) Wax, in boxes containing not more than 60 matches or vestas	2s. per gross of boxes.
	(2) Wax, in boxes containing more than 60 matches or vestas, but not more than 100	3s. per gross of boxes.
	(3) Wax, in boxes containing over 100 matches or vestas, for each 100 matches or vestas or fraction thereof contained in one box	4s. per gross of boxes.
	(4) Wooden, in boxes containing not more than 60 matches or vestas	2s. per gross of boxes.
	(5) Wooden, in boxes containing over 60 matches or vestas, for every 100 matches or vestas or fraction thereof contained in one box	4s. per gross of boxes.
	(6) Matches or vestas, of any material other than wood or wax, in boxes, shall be charged with a duty corresponding to the duty payable on wooden matches	
142	Boot and similar laces, of any material other than leather	40% <i>ad valorem</i> .
159	Floor coverings, viz. :—	
	(4) Carpets, floor coverings, floor rugs, mats, and matting, other kinds	45% <i>ad valorem</i> .
ex 180	Textile piece-goods, namely, moquettes, tapestry and tickings, composed of cotton, linen, jute, hemp, other vegetable fibre, or of combinations of these materials with one another, or with any other material (except wool or hair), whether plain, hemmed, whipped, or similarly worked, provided that such piece-goods do not contain more than 50% by weight of silk, of imitation silk, of artificial silk, or of combinations of the same	15% <i>ad valorem</i> .
ex 205	Rubber, manufactures of, viz. :—	
	(5) Rubber tyres, viz. : Bicycle, tricycle, perambulator, and similar, and inner tubes of rubber for pneumatic tyres, not exceeding 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter	20% <i>ad valorem</i> .
219	Glass, sheet, common window or plate, whether polished, coloured, bent or otherwise, cut to any size or shape, n.e.i.	10% <i>ad valorem</i> .
220	Glass, plate or sheet, in sizes not exceeding 20 superficial feet, only on declaration that it will be used in the manufacture of bevelled or silvered glass	Free.
ex 225	Glassware, n.e.i.; globes, and chimneys, for lamps, n.e.i.	40% <i>ad valorem</i> .
258	Sensitised surfaces, and albumenised paper, plain, not being postcards or other stationery	20% <i>ad valorem</i> .
e. 295	Paper, unprinted, viz. :—	
	True vegetable parchment ... ..	Free.

FIRST SCHEDULE TO LETTER A AND SECOND SCHEDULE TO  
LETTER B—(continued).

Item No. of the Customs Tariff of New Zealand.	Tariff Item.	Rate of Duty payable in New Zealand on Articles produced or manufactured in the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxembourg.
ex 321	Firearms and fittings therefor, viz. :— (1) Rifles, .22 calibre; rifles, .303 calibre (including service fittings therefor); rifles, n.e.i., of such calibres as may be authorised by the Minister of Defence (including service fittings therefor)	20% <i>ad valorem</i> .
	(3) Firearms, n.e.i. ... ..	40% <i>ad valorem</i> .
357	Metal, viz. :— ex (2) Lead and zinc, in bars or rods ...	10% <i>ad valorem</i> .
	ex (6) Lead and zinc, viz.: Foil, leaf; hoop, plate or sheet, plain, whether in the rough, polished, enamelled, galvanised, plated, tinned, or other- wise coated with metal	10% <i>ad valorem</i> .
434	Manures ... ..	Free.

SECOND SCHEDULE TO LETTER A AND FIRST SCHEDULE TO  
LETTER B.

Item No. of the Customs Tariff of the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxembourg.	Tariff Item.	Rate of Duty payable in the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxembourg on Articles produced or manufactured in New Zealand.
ex 10	Cheese :— (b) Fermented :— (1) Cheddar ... ..	72 fr. per 100 kilog. net weight.
ex 15	Fat and greases from neat cattle, sheep and goats :— (b) For industrial purposes ... ..	Free.
22	Hides and skins, raw ... ..	Free.
ex 25	Wool :— (a) In the grease or not completely freed from the grease	Free.
ex 95	Apples :— (a) Fresh :— (2) Imported in cases or barrels weigh- ing more than 15 kilog. (aggre- gate weight of container and contents)	25 fr. per 100 kilog. gross weight.
	During the period the 1st April to the 31st August (both dates inclusive).	
ex 114	Textile materials, n.e.i. :— <i>Phormium tenax</i> or New Zealand hemp ...	Free.
ex 562	Yarns of <i>Phormium tenax</i> (New Zealand hemp)	10 fr. per 100 kilog. gross weight.