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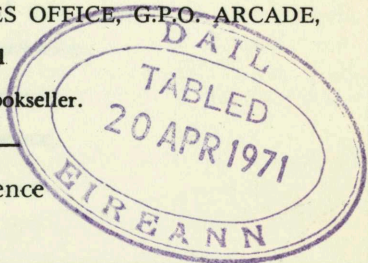
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From the British Ambassador in Dublin to the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland.

Dublin, 17 June, 1969

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the United Kingdom wish to propose certain amendments to Annex C to the Agreement, signed on 14th December, 1965 between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Ireland establishing a Free Trade Area between their two countries* (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement").

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No. 1

*From the British Ambassador at Dublin to the Minister for
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Dublin, 17 June, 1969

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the United Kingdom wish to propose certain amendments to Annex C to the Agreement, signed on 14 December, 1965 between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Ireland establishing a Free Trade Area between their two countries* (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement").

As a result of the recent negotiations conducted under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (the Kennedy Round), the United Kingdom have made amendments with effect from 1 July, 1968, to certain United Kingdom tariff headings. These amendments vary the rates of duty chargeable under Commonwealth preference arrangements applicable to goods of the descriptions to which the tariff headings involved relate. This accordingly necessitates some changes to the Rules of Origin prescribed by the Agreement. Article II(3) of the Agreement provides that in these circumstances the parties shall jointly determine what origin rules shall apply to the goods in question when consigned from Ireland to the United Kingdom. Following consultations with your Government, the Government of the United Kingdom propose that the Rules of Origin shall be amended as follows:—

(1) *Annex C Part III Schedule 1*(a) *Tariff Heading Number 50.03(B)(1)(a)*

Amend the "Description of Goods" corresponding to the above tariff heading number to read:—

"Silk waste (including cocoons unsuitable for reeling, silk noils and pulled or garnetted rags), not carded or combed, in which the textile material which predominates by weight is man-made fibre"

(b) *Tariff Heading Numbers: 65.04 (A) and (B)*

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Delete from the "Description of Goods" corresponding to each of the above tariff heading numbers the words:—

"Containing silk or man-made fibres, where the value of the silk or man-made fibre component, or the aggregate of all the values of all such components, as the case may be, exceeds 5 per cent. of the aggregate of the values of all the components"

Insert "containing more than 5 per cent. by weight of silk and/or man-made fibres".

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(2) *Annex C Part III Schedule 2*

Tariff Heading Number: 87.12(A)

Amend the "Description of Goods" corresponding to the above tariff heading number to read:—

"Parts and accessories of articles falling within heading No. 87.09, 87.10 or 87.11:—

Of motor-cycles, side-cars, autocycles, cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor, motorised invalid carriages"

(3) *Annex C Part IV*

(a) Brussels Nomenclature number: ex 40.10

Amend the "Finished Product" description corresponding to the above Brussels Nomenclature number to read:—

"Transmission, conveyor or elevator belts or belting, of vulcanised rubber, containing more than 5 per cent. by weight of man-made fibres"

(b) Brussels Nomenclature numbers:

ex 58.01, ex 58.02, ex 58.03, ex 58.07, ex 59.02,
ex 59.03, ex 59.05, ex 59.06, ex 59.15, ex 59.16,
ex 59.17, ex 60.02, ex 60.03, ex 60.04, ex 60.05,
ex 60.06, ex 61.01, ex 61.02, ex 61.03, ex 61.04,
ex 61.05, ex 61.06, ex 61.07, ex 61.08, ex 61.09,
ex 61.10, ex 61.11, ex 62.01, ex 62.02, ex 62.03,
ex 62.04 and ex 62.05.

Where the phrase "containing more than 5 per cent. by value of silk and/or man-made fibres" occurs in the "Finished Product" description corresponding to any of the above Brussels Nomenclature numbers

Amend to read:—

"containing more than 5 per cent. by weight of silk and/or man-made fibres"

(c) Brussels Nomenclature number: ex 59.14

Amend the "Finished Product" description corresponding to the above Brussels Nomenclature number to read:—

"Wicks of woven, plaited or knitted textile materials, for lamps, stoves, lighters, candles and the like; tubular knitted gas mantle fabric and incandescent gas mantles containing man-made fibres".

(d) Delete paragraph (5) and renumber paragraphs (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11) as paragraphs (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) and (10) respectively.

(4) The Government of the United Kingdom further propose that the opportunity be taken to correct a minor omission from the text of the first "Qualifying Process" against tariff number 61.01 in Part IV of Annex C to the Agreement by inserting the words "from the stage of fibres or yarns" immediately following the word "manufactured".

If these proposals are acceptable to the Government of Ireland I have the honour to suggest that this Letter and your reply to that effect shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

(Sgd.) A. G. GILCHRIST.

British Ambassador to Dublin
date which reads as follows: —
(See No. 1)

In reply I have the honour to inform you that this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Ireland who therefore regard your Letter and this reply as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest con- sideration.

(Sgd.) PROINSIAS MAA SIOGHAIN.

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No. 2

*From the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland to the
British Ambassador at Dublin.*

Dublin, 17 June, 1969.

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of to-day's date which reads as follows:—

(See No. 1)

In reply I have the honour to inform you that this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Ireland who therefore regard your Letter and this reply as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

(Sgd.) PROINSIAS MAS AOGÁIN.

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British Ambassador at Dublin.*

Dublin, 17 June, 1969.

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of to-day's date which reads as follows:—

(See No. 1)

In reply I have the honour to inform you that this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Ireland who therefore regard your Letter and this reply as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

(Sgd.) PROINSIAS AOGAIN.

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