

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued.*

Ex Item 208 (A) The Commonwealth Government are prepared to take into their further consideration the request of the Czechoslovak Government relating to these goods, provided further details and information are forwarded to them by the Czechoslovak Government.

With respect to Bentwood Chairs ex Item 305 (D) and Wooden Toys of special types ex Item 310 (B), I note that you will recommend to the Commonwealth Government that they should—

- (a) consider making a further reference covering Bentwood Chairs to the Tariff Board, if it appears to them, in the light of any information which the Government of Czechoslovakia may put before them, that the Czechoslovak case was inadequately represented during the recent Tariff Board Enquiry, and
- (b) further consider the request on the special types of Wooden Toys if samples and descriptive literature are forwarded.

I also note that you will bring to the notice of the Commonwealth Government the request of the Czechoslovak Government for reduction of duty on—

- (a) Full lead cut crystal glass with a minimum content of 25 % lead oxide free from barium oxide and calcium oxide, viz., bowls, jugs, salads, tumblers, candlesticks, trays, powder boxes, stemmed glasses, vases ;
- (b) Glassware for illuminating purposes consisting of two or more layers of glass each layer of different colouring ;
- (c) Other glassware, viz., salts, shakers, peppers, mustards, cruets and parts with or without trays.

In view of the requests expressed by the Australian Representatives on behalf of the Commonwealth Government, the Government of Czechoslovakia accept the position that the laws, regulations, determinations, and decisions for the time being in force in the Commonwealth of Australia are to have application to Czechoslovak goods affected by the proposed Treaty, on importation into Australia in deciding questions which may arise relating to origin of goods, eligibility for Tariff preference, invoice requirements, and Tariff classification.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DR ALOIS Z ŠTANGLER

THE HON. SIR HENRY GULLETT, K.C.M.G. M.P.,

Minister directing Negotiations for Trade Treaties,

CANBERRA, Australia.

TRADE AGREEMENT (BELGIUM).

No. 57 of 1936.

An Act to approve a Provisional Commercial Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of Belgium and Undertakings given in relation to that Agreement.

[Assented to 23rd November, 1936.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Trade Agreement (Belgium) Act 1936.*

2. The Provisional Commercial Agreement made between His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of Belgium acting on its own behalf and on behalf of the Government of Luxemburg, a copy of which Agreement is set forth in the First Schedule to this Act, and the undertakings contained in the correspondence annexed to the said Agreement, a copy of which correspondence is set forth in the Second Schedule to this Act, are hereby approved.

THE SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Sec. 2.

PROVISIONAL COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AND THE BELGO-LUXEMBURG ECONOMIC UNION.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of Belgium acting both on its own behalf and by virtue of existing agreements on behalf of the Government of Luxemburg, desiring to facilitate and extend still further the commercial relations between Australia, on the one part, and the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, on the other part, have agreed as follows :—

ARTICLE I.

Articles, produced or manufactured in Australia, on their importation into the Customs Territory of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, and articles produced or manufactured in the Customs Territory of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, on their importation into Australia, shall not be subjected to other or higher duties or charges than those paid on the like articles, the produce or manufacture of the most favoured foreign country.

ARTICLE II.

(1) Articles enumerated in Schedule 'A' to this Agreement, produced or manufactured in the Customs Territory of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, shall, on importation into Australia, be accorded the benefits of the Australian Intermediate Tariff.

(2) Articles enumerated in Schedule 'B' to this Agreement, being the produce or manufacture of the Customs Territory of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, shall not, on importation into Australia, be subjected to a higher duty than that specified in the said Schedule.

(3) The stipulations of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article shall not be deemed to exempt the said articles from liability to sales tax or, except as provided in paragraph (4), from payment of primage duties.

(4) Articles enumerated in Schedule 'C' to this Agreement, produced or manufactured in the Customs Territory of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, shall not, on importation into Australia, be subjected to higher primage duties than those specified in the said Schedule.

(5) Outside packages and outer coverings containing articles enumerated in Schedule 'D' to this Agreement, produced or manufactured in the Customs Territory of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, shall, on importation into Australia be exempt from duty.

ARTICLE III.

Articles enumerated in Schedule 'E' to this Agreement, produced or manufactured in Australia, shall not, on importation into the Customs Territory of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, be subjected to higher duties than those specified in the said Schedule.

ARTICLE IV.

During the currency of the present Agreement, Belgian plain clear sheet glass (Australian Tariff Item 242 (B)) shall benefit in Australia from the import regime set forth in this Article.

(1) During any year in which the consumption of plain clear sheet glass in Australia is estimated not to exceed 7,500,000 square feet the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia shall permit the importation into Australia of 2,152,500 square feet of Belgian plain clear sheet glass.

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued.*

(2) If the consumption of plain clear sheet glass in Australia during any year is greater than 7,500,000 square feet the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia will grant to Belgium a supplementary quota of plain clear sheet glass equal to 35.8725 per centum of the difference between the figure for the actual Australian consumption during the year in question and 7,500,000 square feet.

(3) In the event that the Australian glass makers are unable to supply the full quota reserved to them and that it becomes necessary to authorize the importation of additional quantities of plain clear sheet glass, the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia will grant a supplementary quota to Belgium. The supplementary quota granted to Belgium shall be equal to 71.745 per centum of the total additional quantity authorised to be imported under the conditions set forth in this paragraph.

(4) Belgian plain clear sheet glass the importation of which into Australia is authorised under this import regime shall be subjected to a duty of four shillings (4/-) per hundred square feet and shall be exempt from primage duty. However, if this duty is reduced or suppressed in favour of any other foreign country, the same reduction or suppression shall be applied to Belgian plain clear sheet glass.

(5) In the event of a cessation of production of plain clear sheet glass in Australia, the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia shall have the right to abolish all restrictions on the importation of this product. In that event, Belgian plain clear sheet glass shall be admitted into Australia either under the rates of duty specified in paragraph (4) or under the most favourable rates of duty granted to any other foreign country, whichever is the lower.

(6) The quotas allocated to Belgium shall be divided between glass of the various qualities and weights in the following proportions :—

	per centum of total quantity allocated.
Horticultural glass	11.25
Other qualities :—	
16 oz. glass	43
21 " "	40
Heavier than 21 oz. glass	5.75

In the case of glass heavier than 21 oz. import permits shall be granted, within the limits of the specified percentage, in such weights as Australian consumers require.

(7) In the event that the Australian demand for horticultural glass in any year is less than 11.25 per centum of the total Australian demand for plain clear sheet glass of all qualities, the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia will use its best endeavours to arrange that the allocations of horticultural glass to Belgium shall coincide with the actual percentage. In this case the difference between the figure representing 11.25 per centum of the total Belgian quota and the figure representing the actual percentage shall be divided between the other categories as follows :—

	per centum of quantity allocated.
16 oz. glass	48
21 oz. glass	45
Heavier than 21 oz. glass	7

The percentage allocated by this paragraph to glass heavier than 21 oz. may, if the Belgian Government so desires, be distributed between glass of 16 oz. and 21 oz. weights.

(8) With a view to permitting the application of paragraphs (6) and (7) of this Article, the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia shall continue to take all the necessary measures to ascertain the actual annual demand in Australia for horticultural glass.

(9) Since the demand for glass of horticultural quality is seasonal and occurs almost entirely during the months of January to April in each year the Belgian Government will assist the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia in all measures that may be necessary to meet the demands of the market within that period and to assure the equitable treatment of the various interests concerned.

(10) In the event that this Agreement is terminated before the expiration of any year and that as a result of such termination the quotas for horticultural glass allocated to Belgium are greater than 11.25 per centum of the total Belgian quota, the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia shall communicate with the Belgian Government with a view to arriving at an equitable adjustment of the quantities for each category of glass.

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued.*

(11) To facilitate the administration of the import regime set forth in this Article the Belgian Government shall use its best endeavours to advise the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia not later than the 15th day of October in each year as to the proportions in which the Belgian quota shall be divided amongst the several Belgian exporters.

(12) For the purposes of the import regime set forth in this Article a year shall be deemed to commence on the 1st day of November and to end on the 31st day of October of the next following calendar year.

ARTICLE V.

During the currency of the present Agreement, Barley (Tariff No. 51 *f*), Wheat (Tariff No. 51 *b*) 1.), and Frozen Beef (Tariff No. 2 *b*) 1.) originating in and coming from the Commonwealth of Australia shall not be prohibited from importation into the Customs Territory of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union.

ARTICLE VI.

In the event of the Government of either party adopting in respect of any products specifically mentioned in this Agreement any measures which, even though they do not conflict with the terms of this Agreement, are considered by the Government of the other party to have the effect of nullifying or impairing any of the advantages of this Agreement, the Government which considers its interests adversely affected may, within three months of the adoption of such measures, request the opening of negotiations with a view to effecting a mutually satisfactory adjustment of the matter. If agreement is not reached within two months of the receipt of such request the party which considers its interests adversely affected may take such action as it thinks proper to re-establish the equilibrium of the present Agreement.

ARTICLE VII.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to affect the rights of either Government to impose or maintain prohibitions or restrictions—

- (a) relating to public security ;
- (b) imposed on moral or humanitarian grounds ;
- (c) occasioned by the necessity of securing the safety of persons ; and
- (d) imposed for the protection of animals and plants

provided that such measures are applied under the same conditions to like articles imported from any other foreign country.

ARTICLE VIII.

(1) Nothing in this Agreement shall entitle the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union to claim the benefit of any treatment, preference, or privilege which may at any time be in force exclusively between the territories under the sovereignty of His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, or under His Majesty's suzerainty, protection or mandate.

(2) Neither party shall invoke the provisions of Article I of this Agreement to secure the advantages which result from any Customs Union to which the other may become a party.

(3) The stipulations of this Agreement shall not apply to the advantages which the Governments of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union have granted or may grant to contiguous States to facilitate border traffic within a limited zone on each side of the frontier.

ARTICLE IX.

The present Agreement shall, as from the date of its coming into force, supersede the arrangement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union concluded by the Exchanges of Notes on 19th November, 1934, and on 23rd October, 1935. It shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Canberra as soon as possible. It shall come into force fourteen days after the exchange of instruments of ratification or such earlier date as may be agreed upon and, except as otherwise provided, shall remain in force and effect until six months from the day on which either Government shall have given notice of its intention to terminate it.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect have signed in duplicate this Agreement drawn up in the English and French languages and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done at Canberra this third day of October, 1936.

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H. S. GULLETT.

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ARMAND NIHOTTE

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued.

SCHEDULE A.

Item of the Australian Tariff	Description of Articles
Ex 58. (C) (1)	Cornflour ; when not packed for household use
Ex 105. (A) (1) (a) (3)	} Piece Goods, viz. :— Tickings wholly of cotton or of cotton in admixture with linen, wholly or partly woven from coloured yarns
Ex 105. (N)	
105. (A) (1) (a)	} Piece Goods, viz. :— Cotton Piece Goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F)), n.e.i.
105. (A) (1) (c)	} Piece Goods, viz. :— Cotton Piece Goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F)), viz. :—Drills Dungarees and Jeans, weighing 6 ounces or less per square yard or weighing 18 ounces or more per square yard
105. (A) (3)	} Piece Goods, viz. :— Tapestries containing at least 95 per cent. by weight of cotton or linen or cotton and linen
Ex 105. (AA) (2)	} Piece Goods, viz. :— Artificial Silk Piece Goods, Knitted or Lock-stitched, in tubular form or otherwise (except piece goods enumerated in item 208 (D) (2))—Other
Ex 105. (D) (1) (b)	} Piece Goods, viz. :— Tapestries and Tapestry Curtain Material containing not more than 5 per cent. by weight of wool, and containing at least 10 per cent. by weight of artificial silk
Ex 105. (F) (2)	
Ex 105. (E) (1)	} Piece Goods, viz. :— Velvets and Velvetenees
Ex 105. (E) (1)	} Piece Goods, viz. :— Moquettes of the type used for upholstery— (a) Containing at least 20 per cent. by weight of wool (b) Other
Ex 105. (F) (2)	
105. (F) (4)	} Piece Goods, felt, of wool or containing wool
105. (F) (5)	} Piece Goods, felt, composed of hair ; Piece Goods, felt, n.e.i.
106. (B)	} Trimmings and Ornaments, n.e.i. for Hats Shoes and other attire, not being partly or wholly of gold or silver ; Braids n.e.i. ; Fringes n.e.i. ; Frillings ; Ruffings ; Pleatings ; Ruchings ; Galoons n.e.i. ; Ribbons n.e.i. ; Tinselled Belting n.e.i. ; Webbing n.e.i. ; Belting for apparel not elsewhere specified and not being cut to lengths for belts
Ex 113. (B)	} Kid Gloves
Ex 117. (A)	} Blankets manufactured by the Jacquard process, woven from yarn wholly of cotton
120. (A)	} Articles, Textile, as under, not being piece goods, viz. :— Articles of Furnishing Drapery and Napery, including Quilts n.e.i., Table Covers, Doyleys, Tray Cloths, Sheets, Pillowcases and Covers, Bolster Cases, Counterpanes, Bed Spreads, Table Mats, Splashers, Tablecloths, Runners, Mantel Borders, Toilet Sets, Bags for Linen, Brush and Comb Bags, Nightdress Cases, Handkerchief Sachets, and the like, Cosies and Cushions in part or wholly made up— (1) When not containing wool

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued.*

Item of the Australian Tariff	Description of Articles
Ex 122. (A)	Cotton cloths and material cut into shape therefor, not being felt, impregnated with oil and silicious matter, of a type used for polishing metalware and glassware
125.	Felt for making polishing pads
130. (B)	Canvas and Duck—
140. (C)	Not waterproofed by treatment with any substance Copper, viz. :— Angles, Bars, Pipes, Plates, Rods, Sheets, Strips, Tees and Tubes, not further manufactured than plated polished or decorated; Wire including stranded or twisted wire
Ex 161. (A)	Pressing Machines, wine, continuous
Ex 174. (M) (39)	Rolls for use in rolling black sheets
179. (C)	Regulating Starting and Controlling Apparatus for all electrical purposes, including Distributing Boards and Switchboards, n.e.i.
179. (D) (1)	Dynamo Electric Machines
179. (D) (2)	Static Transformers n.e.i.
Ex 181. (A) (1)	Covered Cable and Wire, n.e.i.
189. (A)	Double-barrelled Guns and Rifles bearing the British or other approved test mark
189. (B)	Single-barrelled Guns and Rifles bearing the British or other approved test mark
189. (C)	Revolvers; Pistols
229. (E)	Lubricating (Mineral) Oil in vessels exceeding one gallon
231. (E)	Colours, dry, n.e.i., including litharge and sub-oxide of lead
231. (A) (2)	White Lead, dry or ground in oil
242. (C)	Glass, Sheet, viz. :—Figured Rolled, Cathedral, Milled Rolled, Rough Cast and Wired Cast
242. (D)	Glass, viz. :—Plate, polished and patent, in sheets not exceeding 25 square feet
242. (E)	Glass, viz. :—Plate, polished and patent, in sheets exceeding 25 square feet
250. (A)	Bottles flasks jars vials and tubes, n.e.i., of glass earthenware stoneware or china, empty or containing goods not subject to an ad valorem duty and not classifiable under Item 408
Ex 250. (B)	Articles of cut glass, including bottles decanters flasks and jars of cut glass empty or containing goods not subject to an ad valorem duty, but not including articles of etched or engraved glass
250. (F)	Articles of glass including articles of etched or engraved glass (but not including articles covered by sub-items (B) and (E)), viz. :— Dishes, tumblers, salads, bowls other than lighting-ware, nappies, jugs, candlesticks, butters, battery jars or cells, vases, trays, comports, flowerblocks, mugs, sundaes, goblets, measures including medicine measures
Ex 255. (C)	Coloured gelatine sheets of the type used for window displays and for lighting effects; gelatine dust of the type used in the manufacture of ladies' evening shoes
268.	Naphthalene
270.	Fly Papers, chemical and sticky
271. (A)	Ammonia, viz. :—Acetate, Carbonate, Anhydrous, Liquid and Chloride
Ex 281. (B) (2)	Sulphate of Soda

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued.*

Item of the Australian Tariff	Description of Articles
324. (C)	Leather, viz. :— (1) Patent and Enamelled (2) Glazed or Mat Kid or substitutes therefor (3) Calf, other than Patent and Enamelled (4) N.E.I.
328.	Goloshes, rubber sand boots and shoes and plimsolls
333. (A)	Pneumatic rubber tyres and tubes therefor, valved or unvalved
381. (D) (4)	Brushes n.e.i.
384. (A) (1)	Photographic and X-Ray Dry Plates and Flat Films, sensitized
384. (A) (2)	Photographic Sensitized Films n.e.i.
384. (A) (3)	Photographic Sensitized Papers and Cards also Linen and other Sensitized Materials, n.e.i.; Postcards (sensitized with or without letterpress)
389. (C)	Fishing and rabbit nets and netting therefor
392. (G)	Yarns :—
	Artificial Silk
397. (A)	Cartridges n.e.i.

SCHEDULE B

Item of the Australian Tariff	Description of Articles	Rate of duty
Ex 118. (A)	Floor coverings wholly of cotton	30 % ad valorem
126. (A)	Saddlers' Webs; Upholsterers' Webs	15 % ad valorem
Ex 144. (B)	Zinc Sheets for lithographic purposes	15 % ad valorem
160. (B) (1)	Cream Separators	15 % ad valorem
334. (H)	True Vegetable Parchment—in sizes not less than 8 x 38 inches (or its equivalent)	Free
Ex 334. (K)	Surface Coated Paper n.e.i., plain or embossed	15 % ad valorem
Ex Departmental By-law 97. Ex 404.	Ultramarine blue in powder form or in aqueous paste form, for all purposes	15 % ad valorem

SCHEDULE C

Item of the Australian Tariff	Description of Articles	Rate of Primage Duty
Ex 105. (A) (1) (a) } (3) } Ex 105. (N) }	Piece Goods, viz. :— Ticking wholly of cotton or of cotton in admixture with linen, wholly or partly woven from coloured yarns	Free
105. (A) (1) (a)	Piece Goods, viz. :— Cotton Piece Goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F)), n.e.i.	5 % ad valorem

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued.

Item of the Australian Tariff	Description of Articles	Rate of Primage Duty
105. (A) (1) (c)	Piece Goods, viz. :— Cotton Piece Goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F)), viz. :—Drills Dungarees and Jeans, weighing 6 ounces or less per square yard or weighing 18 ounces or more per square yard	5 % ad valorem
105. (A) (3)	Piece Goods, viz. :— Tapestries containing at least 95 per cent. by weight of cotton or linen or cotton and linen	Free
Ex-105. (D) (1) (b) } Ex 105. (F) (2) }	Piece Goods, viz. :— Tapestries and Tapestry Curtain Material containing not more than 5 per cent. by weight of wool, and containing at least 10 per cent. by weight of artificial silk	Free
105. (E) (1)	Piece Goods, viz. :— Velvets, Velvetens, Plushes, Scalette and cloths imitating furs, Astrachans	5 % ad valorem
Ex 105. (E) (1) } Ex 105. (F) (2) }	Piece Goods, viz. :— Moquettes of the type used for upholstery— (a) Containing at least 20 per cent. by weight of wool (b) Other	Free 5 % ad valorem
106. (B)	Trimnings and Ornaments, n.e.i. for Hats Shoes and other attire, not being partly or wholly of gold or silver; Braids n.e.i.; Fringes n.e.i.; Frillings; Rufflings; Pleatings; Ruchings; Galoons n.e.i.; Ribbons n.e.i.; Tinselled Belting n.e.i.; Webbing n.e.i.; Belting for apparel not elsewhere specified and not being cut to lengths for belts	5 % ad valorem
Ex 113. (B)	Kid Gloves	Free
Ex 117. (A)	Blankets manufactured by the Jacquard process, woven from yarn wholly of cotton	5 % ad valorem
Ex 118. (A)	Floor coverings wholly of cotton	Free
Ex 122. (A)	Cotton cloths and material cut into shape therefor, not being felt, impregnated with oil and silicious matter, of a type used for polishing metalware and glassware	Free
125.	Felt for making polishing pads	Free
126. (A)	Saddlers' Webs; Upholsterers' Webs	Free
130. (B)	Canvas and Duck— Not waterproofed by treatment with any substance	5 % ad valorem

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued.

Item of the Australian Tariff	Description of Articles	Rate of Primage Duty
140. (c)	Copper, viz. :— Angles, Bars, Pipes, Plates, Rods, Sheets, Strips, Tees and Tubes, not further manufactured than plated polished or decorated; Wire including stranded or twisted wire	Free
Ex 144. (B)	Zinc Sheets for lithographic purposes	Free
160. (B) (1)	Cream Separators	Free
Ex 161. (A)	Pressing Machines, wine, continuous	Free
Ex 174. (M) (39)	Rolls for use in rolling black sheets	Free
179. (c)	Regulating Starting and Controlling Apparatus for all electrical pur- poses, including Distributing Boards and Switchboards, n.e.i.	Free
179. (D) (1)	Dynamo Electric Machines	Free
179. (D) (2)	Static Transformers n.e.i.	Free
Ex 181. (A) (1)	Covered Cable and Wire, n.e.i.	4 % ad valorem
189. (A)	Double-barrelled Guns and Rifles bearing the British or other approved test mark	Free
189. (B)	Single-barrelled Guns and Rifles bearing the British or other approved test mark	Free
189. (C)	Revolvers; Pistols	Free
231. (E)	Colours, dry, n.e.i., including lith- arge and sub-oxide of lead	Free
231. (G) (2)	White Lead, dry or ground in oil	5 % ad valorem
242. (B)	Glass, Sheet, viz. :—Plain Clear	Free
242. (D)	Glass, viz. :—Plate, polished and patent, in sheets not exceeding 25 square feet	5 % ad valorem
242. (E)	Glass, viz. :—Plate, polished and patent, in sheets exceeding 25 square feet	5 % ad valorem
250. (A)	Bottles flasks jars vials and tubes, n.e.i., of glass earthenware stone- ware or china, empty or containing goods not subject to an ad valorem duty and not classifiable under Item 408	5 % ad valorem
Ex 250. (B)	Articles of cut glass, including bottles decanters flasks and jars of cut glass empty or containing goods not subject to an ad valorem duty, but not including articles of etched or engraved glass	5 % ad valorem
250. (F)	Articles of glass including articles of etched or engraved glass (but not including articles covered by sub- items (B) and (E)), viz. :— Dishes, tumblers, salads, bowls other than lightingware, nappies, jugs, candlesticks, butters, battery jars or cells, vases, trays, compots, flower- blocks, mugs, sundaes, goblets, measures including medicine measures	5 % ad valorem
268.	Naphthalene	Free
270.	Fly Papers, chemical and sticky	5 % ad valorem

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued.*

Item of the Australian Tariff	Description of Articles	Rate of Primage Duty
271. (A)	Ammonia, viz.:—Acetate, Carbonate, Anhydrous, Liquid and Chloride	Free
Ex 281. (B) (2)	Sulphate of Soda	Free
Ex 281. (L) (1)	Phosphate of soda, phthalic anhydrides, phthalic acid and phthalates; ethylene glycol	Free
324. (c)	Leather, viz.:— (1) Patent and Enamelled (2) Glazed or Mat Kid or substitutes therefor (3) Calf, other than Patent and Enamelled (4) N.E.I.	Free Free Free Free
328.	Goloshes, rubber sand boots and shoes and plimsolls	Free
333. (A)	Pneumatic rubber tyres and tubes therefor, valved or unvalved	5 % ad valorem
334. (H)	True Vegetable Parchment—in sizes not less than 8 x 38 inches (or its equivalent)	Free
Ex 334. (K)	Surface Coated Paper n.e.i., plain or embossed	Free
381. (D) (4)	Brushes n.e.i.	Free
384. (A) (1)	Photographic and X-Ray Dry Plates and Flat Films, sensitized	Free
384. (A) (2)	Photographic Sensitized Films n.e.i.	Free
384. (A) (3)	Photographic Sensitized Papers and Cards also Linen and Other Sensitized Materials, n.e.i.; Postcards (sensitized with or without letterpress)	Free
389. (c)	Fishing and rabbit nets and netting therefor	Free
392. (g)	Yarns:— Artificial Silk	5 % ad valorem
397. (A)	Cartridges n.e.i.	5 % ad valorem

The following articles shall be exempted from payment of Primage Duty provided such goods are used for the purpose or purposes specified and that the requirements or conditions of any security to the Australian Customs, which may be entered into, are fulfilled or complied with.

Ex Departmental By-law 97. Ex 404.	}	Ultramarine blue in powder form or in aqueous paste form, for all purposes
Ex Departmental By-law 97. Ex 404.		Gelatine for photographic use
Ex Departmental By-law 97. Ex 404.	}	Lithopone for industrial purposes.

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued.
SCHEDULE D.

Item of the Australian Tariff	Description of Articles
Ex 144. (B) 242. (C)	Zinc Sheets for lithographic purposes Glass, Sheet, viz. :—Figured Rolled, Cathedral, Milled Rolled, Rough Cast and Wired Cast
250. (A)	Bottles flasks jars vials and tubes, n.e.i., of glass earthenware stoneware or china, empty or containing goods not subject to an ad valorem duty and not classifiable under Item 408
Ex 250. (B)	Articles of cut glass, including bottles decanters flasks and jars of cut glass empty or containing goods not subject to an ad valorem duty, but not including articles of etched or engraved glass
250. (F)	Articles of glass including articles of etched or engraved glass (but not including articles covered by sub-items (B) and (E)), viz. :— Dishes, tumblers, salads, bowls other than lighting- ware, nappies, jugs, candlesticks, butters, battery jars or cells, vases, trays, compots, flowerblocks, mugs, sundaes, goblets, measures including medicine measures
384. (A) (1)	Photographic and X-Ray Dry Plates and Flat Films, sensitized
384. (A) (2)	Photographic Sensitized Films n.e.i.
384. (A) (3)	Photographic Sensitized Papers and Cards also Linen and other Sensitized Materials, n.e.i.; Postcards (sensitized with or without letterpress)
397. (A)	Cartridges n.e.i.

SCHEDULE E.

Number of the Belgian Tariff	Description of Articles	Rate of Duty
15	Fats 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
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SECOND SCHEDULE.

Sec. 2.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT

TRADE TREATIES

Canberra, F.C.T.

3rd October, 1936.

SIR,

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(2)	Photographic Sensitized Films n.e.i.
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In accordance with your desire I have the honour to place on record and confirm the undertaking given on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, to refer these items to the Tariff Board for public inquiry and report (if not already so referred) with a view to determining an Intermediate Tariff rate based on the present London-Australia rate of exchange.

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On behalf of the Commonwealth Government I desire to confirm the assurance given to you that steps will be taken to introduce the necessary amendments of the Australian Customs Tariff.

Yours faithfully,

H. S. GULLETT

Minister negotiating Trade Treaties.

M. Armand Nihotte,
Actg. Consul-General for Belgium,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued.*

Consulat Général de Belgique à Sydney

L.S.

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3rd October, 1936.

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In acknowledging the receipt of your letter I have the honour, on behalf of the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, to inform you of my acceptance of these assurances.

Yours faithfully,

ARMAND NIHOTTE

Consulat Général de Belgique à Sydney

L.S.

Sir Henry Gullett, K.C.M.G., M.P.,
Minister negotiating Trade Treaties,
CANBERRA, F.C.T.

TRADE AGREEMENT (SOUTH AFRICA).

No. 58 of 1936.

An Act to ratify and approve an Agreement between His Majesty's Governments in the Union of South Africa and the Commonwealth of Australia in relation to Duties of Customs.

[Assented to 23rd November, 1936.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Trade Agreement (South Africa) Act 1936*. Short title.

2. The Agreement entered into between His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa and His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia (as set out in the note from the Minister of State for External Affairs of the Union of South Africa to the Acting Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, and the note from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Minister of State for External Affairs of the Union of South Africa, copies of which are set forth in the Schedule to this Act) is hereby ratified and approved. Ratification of Agreement with South Africa.

THE SCHEDULE.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Note from the Minister of State for External Affairs of the Union of South Africa to the Acting Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

PRETORIA,

31st August, 1935.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa hereby undertake that all goods the growth, produce or manufacture of