

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."

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

THE SCHEDULE—*continued.*

the Commonwealth of Australia shall, when imported from the Commonwealth of Australia into the territory of the Union of South Africa and the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be accorded, in respect of customs duties levied on imports, treatment not less favourable than that accorded to goods the growth, produce or manufacture of the most favoured foreign nation, on His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia undertaking to accord to goods the growth, produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa or the Mandated Territory of South West Africa, when imported into the Commonwealth of Australia from the Union of South Africa or the Mandated Territory of South West Africa, in respect of customs duties levied on imports, treatment not less favourable than that accorded to goods the growth, produce or manufacture of the most favoured foreign nation; provided that:—

the provisions of this Note shall not extend to favours actually granted or which may hereafter be granted by the Union of South Africa and the Mandated Territory of South West Africa to any State or Territory adjoining the Union of South Africa or the Mandated Territory of South West Africa.

2. The present Note, and your reply in similar terms, intimating the concurrence of His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia in the proposal made herein will be regarded as an agreement between our two Governments in this matter with effect from the 1st July, 1935, provided that this Agreement shall lapse if not ratified by the Parliament of the Union of South Africa, by Resolution of both Houses, during its next ensuing Session and by the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, and provided further that, if ratified, it shall be terminable by six months' notice on either side.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. B. M. HERTZOG,

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The Honourable

the Acting Prime Minister

of the Commonwealth of Australia,

CANBERRA.

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

CANBERRA,

Federal Capital Territory,
Australia.

3rd September, 1935.

Dear Sir,

I take note of your communication dated the 31st August, 1935, on the subject of the treatment to be accorded to goods the growth produce or manufacture of the Commonwealth of Australia on importation into the territory of the Union of South Africa and the Mandated Territory of South West Africa.

I have the honour to inform you that in consideration of the undertaking given by His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa, that except as provided in your communication of 31st August, 1935, all goods the growth produce or manufacture of the Commonwealth of Australia shall on importation therefrom into the territory of the Union of South Africa and the Mandated Territory of South West Africa, be accorded, in respect of customs duties levied on imports, treatment not less favourable than that accorded to goods the growth produce or manufacture of the most-favoured-foreign nation, His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia hereby undertake that all goods the growth produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa and the Mandated Territory of South West Africa shall on importation into the Commonwealth of Australia be accorded in respect of customs duties levied on imports, treatment not less favourable than that accorded to goods the growth produce or manufacture of the most-favoured-foreign nation.

THE SCHEDULE—*continued.*

This Note in conjunction with your communication of 31st August, 1935, will be regarded as an agreement between our two Governments in this matter with effect from 1st July 1935,

PROVIDED that this agreement shall lapse if not ratified by the Parliament of the Union of South Africa by resolution of both Houses, during the next ensuing session, and by the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, and

PROVIDED FURTHER that, if ratified, it shall be terminable by six months' notice on either side.

Yours faithfully,

J A LYONS

Prime Minister.

The Minister of External Affairs,
Union of South Africa,
PRETORIA,
South Africa.

APPROPRIATION 1936-37.

No. 59 of 1936.

An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year.

[Assented to 27th November, 1936.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, for the purpose of appropriating the grant originated in the House of Representatives, as follows:—

Preamble.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Appropriation Act 1936-37*.

Short title.

2. The Treasurer may issue out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and apply towards making good the supply hereby granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven the sum of Fourteen million three hundred and sixteen thousand three hundred and sixty-three pounds.

Issue and application of £14,316,363.

3. All sums granted by this Act and the other Acts mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven amounting as appears by the said Schedule in the aggregate to the sum of Twenty-five million nine hundred and fifty-seven thousand nine hundred and thirteen pounds are appropriated and shall be deemed to have been appropriated as from the first of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six for the purposes and services expressed in the Second Schedule in relation to the financial year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

Appropriation of supply £25,957,913.