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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE REGULATION OF SUPPLIES OF FISH TO THE UNITED KINGDOM MARKET.

*London, July 7, 1933.*

No. 1.

*Sir John Simon to Dr. Leopold von Hoesch.*

Your Excellency,

*Foreign Office, London, April 7, 1933.*

I HAVE the honour to inform your Excellency that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have had under consideration the regulation of the supplies of fish to the United Kingdom market for the purpose of restoring wholesale fish prices to a remunerative level, and for this purpose propose that the following arrangement shall be concluded between them and the Government of the German Reich :—

1. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom undertake that, if a scheme for the regulation of supplies of fish to the United Kingdom is imposed, the annual quantities of sea fish caught by German vessels allowed to be imported into the United Kingdom, either by direct landings from the sea or exportation from Germany, will be :—

	Cwt.
(a) Fresh, frozen and wet salted white fish	666,000
(b) Fresh and frozen herrings ... ..	27,000

2. Of the total of 666,000 cwt. of white fish, not more than 450,000 cwt. will be allowed to be imported during the months of March, April and May, and not more than 216,000 cwt. during the other months of any year.

3. The control of supplies of German fish to the United Kingdom will be entrusted to the German Government, so long as His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are satisfied that such control is effective and in conformity with the arrangements set out in this note. His Majesty's Government will co-operate with the German Government in exercising the necessary control over direct landings.

4. Fish caught by German vessels and imported into the United Kingdom will not be subject to any limits in respect of size more restrictive than those imposed upon fish of the same kind caught by British vessels.

5. No prohibition against the landing of fish caught by German vessels based upon the fishing grounds in which the fish have been

taken will be imposed which is not at the same time imposed upon fish caught by British vessels. No prohibition will be imposed upon the landing of fish caught in Icelandic waters.

6. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom declare that it is not their intention at present to impose any prohibition against the landing of fish caught in the Barents Sea during the months November to March inclusive, and that if experience should show that prohibition of landings during this period or any part of it is desirable, they will consult with the German Government before imposing any such prohibition.

7. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom will bring into force, in respect of the export of dried salted fish prepared in the United Kingdom from imported fresh fish, caught by German vessels, a system of drawback in respect of the import duty paid on the fresh fish on importation into the United Kingdom.

8. This arrangement shall come into force on the date on which any scheme for the restriction of the supply of fish to the United Kingdom market is brought into operation, and shall continue in force for a period of three years from that date. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom will give due notice to the German Government of the date when any such scheme will come into force, and will consult with the German Government before the end of that period for the purpose of determining whether the arrangement shall continue in force, and, if so, under what conditions.

9. If the arrangement herein proposed meets with the approval of the German Government, this note and the reply from your Excellency notifying the acceptance of this proposal and undertaking that the German Government will co-operate in the smooth working of the arrangement, will constitute an agreement between the two Governments to this effect.

I have, &c.

(For the Secretary of State),  
O. G. SARGENT.

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No. 2.

*Dr. Leopold von Hoesch to Sir John Simon.*

*Deutsche Botschaft,*

*London, den 7. Juli 1933.*

Herr Staatssekretär,

Euerer Exzellenz beehre ich mich den Empfang der sehr gefälligen Note vom 7. Juli zu bestätigen, die, wie folgt, lautet:

“Euerer Exzellenz beehre ich mich mitzuteilen, dass die Königlich Britische Regierung in Erwägung gezogen hat, die Fischversorgung des Marktes des Vereinigten Königreichs von Grossbritannien und Nord-Irland zu regeln, um den Grosshandelspreis für Fisch wieder auf eine lohnende Höhe zu bringen, und dass



Fisch hergestellt ist, das System einer Zollrückvergütung einführen hinsichtlich des Einfuhrzolls, der auf den frischen Fisch bei der Einfuhr in das Vereinigte Königreich entrichtet ist.

8. Diese Vereinbarung soll an dem Tage in Kraft treten, an welchem ein Arbeitsplan für die Einschränkung der Zufuhr von Fisch auf den Markt des Vereinigten Königreichs in Wirksamkeit tritt, und soll von diesem Tage an für eine Frist von drei Jahren in Kraft bleiben. Die Königlich Britische Regierung wird der Deutschen Regierung eine angemessene Mitteilung über das Datum zugehen lassen, an welchem ein solcher Arbeitsplan in Kraft tritt, und wird sich ferner vor dem Ende dieser Frist mit der Deutschen Regierung ins Einvernehmen setzen, um zu einem Entschluss darüber zu kommen, ob die Vereinbarung in Kraft bleiben soll, und bejahendenfalls unter welchen Bedingungen.

9. Wenn die hiermit vorgeschlagene Vereinbarung die Zustimmung der Deutschen Regierung findet, so soll diese Note zusammen mit der Antwort Eurer Exzellenz, welche die Annahme dieses Vorschlages erklärt und die Verpflichtung ausspricht, dass die Deutsche Regierung an der reibungslosen Durchführung dieser Vereinbarung mitzuwirken bereit ist, ein entsprechendes Abkommen zwischen den beiden Regierungen bilden."

Ich beehre mich Eurer Exzellenz hiermit mitzuteilen, dass die Deutsche Regierung den obigen Vorschlag annimmt und sich verpflichtet, an der reibungslosen Durchführung der Vereinbarung mitzuwirken.

Mit, &c.

VON HOESCH.

(Translation.)

Sir,

*German Embassy, London, July 7, 1933.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the note which your Excellency was so good as to address to me on the 7th July, 1933, which is as follows:—

[Here follows the text in German.]

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the German Government accepts the above proposal and undertakes to assist in the smooth execution of the agreement.

I have, &c.

VON HOESCH.