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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM AND THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING
TONNAGE MEASUREMENT, WITH EXCHANGE OF NOTES
REGARDING ITS APPLICATION TO INDIA.

London, February 20, 1939.

AGREEMENT.

THE Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Egypt have agreed as follows:—

ARTICLE 1.

Subject to the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 5 of this Agreement, the territories of His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India (hereinafter referred to as His Majesty) to which this Agreement applies are the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Newfoundland, Burma, British Colonies and Protectorates and mandated territories in respect of which the mandate is exercised by the Government of the United Kingdom.

Any reference in subsequent articles of the present Agreement to the territories of His Majesty shall be deemed to relate to those territories of His Majesty to which the Agreement applies.

ARTICLE 2.

In view of the fact that the existing laws and regulations in the territories of His Majesty in regard to measurement of tonnage of merchant ships are in substantial agreement with those of Egypt, ships furnished with certificates of registry and other national papers duly issued by the competent authorities of some part of the territories of His Majesty shall be deemed by the Egyptian authorities to be of the tonnage denoted in the said documents, and shall be exempted from being remeasured in any port or place in Egypt, on condition that similar terms shall be accorded to Egyptian ships equipped with certificates of registry or other national papers duly issued by the competent Egyptian authorities on or after the 31st December, 1935, and that such ships shall be exempt from being remeasured in any place within the territories of His Majesty.

ARTICLE 3.

The Government of Egypt may by a twelve months' notice given in writing through the diplomatic channel terminate this Agreement

in respect of all or any of the territories of His Majesty and the Agreement shall thereupon cease to apply to the territories named in the notice and to ships registered therein.

ARTICLE 4.

The Government of the United Kingdom in respect of all or any of the territories of His Majesty may likewise terminate this Agreement by a twelve months' notice given in writing through the diplomatic channel; and the Agreement shall thereupon cease to apply to the territories named in the notice and to ships registered therein.

ARTICLE 5.

The termination of this Agreement, under Articles 3 or 4 in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall also terminate it in respect of Newfoundland, Burma, British Colonies and Protectorates and mandated territories in respect of which the mandate is exercised by the Government of the United Kingdom, and its provisions shall thereupon cease to apply to all such territories and to ships registered therein.

In faith whereof the undersigned have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their Seals.

Done in duplicate in London the 20th day of February, 1939.

(L.S.) HALIFAX.

(L.S.) HASSAN NACHAT.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

No. 1.

*Viscount Halifax to H. Nachât Pasha.**Foreign Office,*

Your Excellency,

London, February 20, 1939.

ON the signature this day of the Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Egypt relative to the reciprocal recognition of certificates of registry and other national papers concerning the measurement of tonnage of merchant ships, I have the honour to inform you that it is the desire of the Government of India that an agreement should be concluded between them and the Government of Egypt applying the provisions of the said agreement on the one hand to Egyptian ships in the ports of India and on the other hand to ships in Egyptian ports which have been furnished with certificates and other national papers duly issued by the authorities of India.

2. If the Government of Egypt are agreeable to this proposal I have the honour to suggest that the present note and your Excellency's reply to that effect shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall take effect from the date of your note and be capable of termination by either Government by twelve months' notice in writing given through the diplomatic channel.

I have, &c.

HALIFAX.

No. 2.

H. Nachât Pasha to Viscount Halifax.

Sir,

London, February 20, 1939.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's Note of even date, with regard to the Agreement signed to-day between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and my Government relative to the reciprocal recognition of certificates of registry and other national papers concerning the measurement of tonnage of merchant ships, and in which your Excellency informs me of the desire of the Government of India that an agreement should be concluded between them and my Government applying the provisions of the said agreement on the one hand to Egyptian ships in the ports of India and on the other hand to ships in Egyptian ports which have been furnished with certificates and other national papers duly issued by the authorities of India.

2. In reply I have the honour to inform your Excellency that my Government is agreeable to this proposal and accept that your Excellency's Note and my present reply to that effect shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall take effect from this date and be capable of termination by either Government by twelve months' notice in writing given through the diplomatic channel.

I have, &c.

H. NACHAT,

Ambassador

