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# Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the United States Government  
modifying the Agreement of 1st December, 1948  
regarding the duty-free treatment  
of American relief goods

London, 23rd February/7th April, 1951

*Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Parliament  
by Command of His Majesty*

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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, MODIFYING THE AGREEMENT OF 1st DECEMBER, 1948, REGARDING THE DUTY-FREE TREATMENT OF AMERICAN RELIEF GOODS**

*London, 23rd February/7th April, 1951*

No. 1

*The United States Ambassador to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs*

*American Embassy,*

Excellency,

*London, 23rd February, 1951.*

I have the honor to refer to the Exchange of Notes of 1st December, 1948,<sup>(1)</sup> constituting an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Agreement") for the purpose of giving effect to Article VI, paragraph 2, read with Article IV, paragraph 5, of the Economic Co-operation Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America signed on 6th July, 1948,<sup>(2)</sup> and to propose that the principal Agreement shall be modified as follows:—

- (a) The provisions of paragraph 3 of the principal Agreement regarding the defrayment of transportation charges in the United Kingdom shall cease to apply to—
  - (i) relief packages (as described in paragraph 1 (b) of the principal Agreement), and
  - (ii) standard packs (as described in paragraph 1 (c) of the principal Agreement) which are put up and sent for delivery in the course of any commercial activities of voluntary non-profit relief agencies.
- (b) The provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph shall apply to relief packages and standard packs only—
  - (i) if sent by parcel post and posted on or after 1st July, 1950, or
  - (ii) if sent by commercial channels and the bill of lading for the relief package or standard pack is dated on or after 1st July, 1950.

2. If the above proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom, I have the honor to propose that this Note and your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute, without prejudice to the provisions of the Economic Co-operation Agreement signed in London on 6th July, 1948,<sup>(2)</sup> an agreed modification of the principal Agreement, and as such shall become effective on the date of this Note.

Accept, &c.

WALTER S. GIFFORD.

(1) "Treaty Series No. 85 (1948)," Cmd. 7583.

(2) "Treaty Series No. 41 (1948)," Cmd. 7469.

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No. 2

*The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the United States Ambassador*

*Foreign Office, S.W. 1,  
7th April, 1951.*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Note of 23rd February, 1951, the text of which is as follows:—

[As in No. 1.]

The proposals made in your Excellency's Note, which are understood to be applicable both in respect of the United Kingdom and also in respect of the other territories to which the principal Agreement extends under paragraph 6 thereof, are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom and I have the honour to confirm that your Note and this reply shall constitute an agreed modification of the principal Agreement without prejudice to the provisions of the Economic Co-operation Agreement signed in London on 6th July, 1948,<sup>(2)</sup> and as such shall be effective as from the date of your Note.

I have, &c.

HERBERT MORRISON.

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