



Treaty Series No. 38 (1968)

Exchange of Letters

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the Republic of Ireland

relating to the Agreement Establishing a
Free Trade Area between the two
countries signed at London on
14 December 1965

Dublin, 11 March 1968

[The Agreement constituted by the Exchange of Letters is deemed to have entered into
force on 1 January 1967]

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GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND RELATING TO
PARAGRAPH (2) (a) OF ARTICLE VI AND ANNEX D OF THE
AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A FREE TRADE AREA BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES SIGNED AT LONDON ON
14 DECEMBER 1965

No. 1

*The British Ambassador at Dublin to the Minister for External Affairs of the
Republic of Ireland*

*British Embassy,
Dublin, 11th March, 1968.*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to paragraph (2) (a) of Article VI and Annex D of the Agreement signed at London on 14 December, 1965,⁽¹⁾ between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ireland establishing a Free Trade Area between the two countries (hereinafter referred to as the "Free Trade Area Agreement") which permit the United Kingdom Government to maintain quantitative restrictions on imports of certain watches and parts thereof originating in and consigned from the Republic of Ireland.

2. The Government of the United Kingdom have, with effect from 1 January, 1967, eliminated all quantitative restrictions on imports into the United Kingdom of watches, watch movements and watch parts from all sources outside the Eastern Area and Southern Rhodesia. (The Eastern Area comprises Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Germany (Soviet Zone), Hungary, North Korea, North Vietnam, the People's Republic of Mongolia, the People's Republic of China, Poland, Rumania and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.)

3. I accordingly have the honour to propose that the Free Trade Area Agreement shall be amended by the deletion from Annex D of the entry relating to watches and parts thereof.

4. If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Ireland I have the honour to suggest that this Letter and your reply to that effect shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments which shall be deemed to have come into force on 1 January, 1967.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

A. G. GILCHRIST.

⁽¹⁾ "Treaty Series No. 31 (1966)", Cmnd. 3026 p. 9 and p. 68.

*The Minister for External Affairs of the Republic of Ireland to the British
Ambassador at Dublin.*

*Office of the Minister for External Affairs,
Dublin, 11th March, 1968.*

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of to-day's date which reads as follows—

“I have the honour to refer to paragraph (2) (a) of Article VI and Annex D of the Agreement signed at London on 14 December, 1965, between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ireland establishing a Free Trade Area between the two countries (hereinafter referred to as the “Free Trade Area Agreement”) which permit the United Kingdom Government to maintain quantitative restrictions on imports of certain watches and parts thereof originating in and consigned from the Republic of Ireland.

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In reply I have the honour to inform you that this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Ireland who therefore regard your Letter and this reply as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

PROINSIAS MACAOGÁIN.

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