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Exchange of Notes

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

extending to the Channel Islands
and the Isle of Man the Provisional
Agreement of 11 December 1968 on
the Reciprocal Recognition of
Driving Licences

Brussels, 29 March/4 May 1971

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No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Brussels to the Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Belgium*

*British Embassy,
Brussels.*

Your Excellency,

29 March, 1971.

I have the honour to refer to the provisional Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium on the reciprocal recognition of driving licences, constituted by the Notes exchanged at London on 11 December, 1968⁽¹⁾, and to propose that the provisions of the Agreement shall be extended to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man so as to apply as if those Islands were part of the territory of the United Kingdom, and competent authorities in those Islands were competent authorities of the Government of the United Kingdom. Specimens of the driving licences issued by the competent authorities of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are attached as Annexes A and B⁽²⁾ to this Note respectively.

2. If the above proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, I have the honour to suggest that this Note, together with its Annexes, and your reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on the date of your reply and shall remain in force so long as the provisional Agreement referred to is in force.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

JOHN BEITH

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series No. 22 (1969), Cmnd. 3899.

⁽²⁾ Not reproduced.

*The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium to Her Majesty's
Ambassador at Brussels*

Bruxelles.

4.5.1971.

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

J'ai l'honneur de porter à la connaissance de Votre Excellence, comme suite à Sa lettre du 29 mars dernier, que le Gouvernement belge accepte la proposition du Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord d'étendre à l'île de Man et aux îles de la Manche l'accord belgo-britannique portant reconnaissance réciproque de la validité des permis de conduire conclu par échange de lettres diplomatiques le 11 décembre 1968.

Cette extension de l'accord peut être considérée comme entrant en vigueur ce jour.

Je saisis cette occasion, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, de renouveler à Votre Excellence l'assurance de ma très haute considération.

Pour le Ministre des Affaires étrangères :

L'Administrateur-Directeur Général, p.o.

A. BAYOT,

Ministre plénipotentiaire.

[Translation of No. 2]

Brussels.

4.5.1971.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency, in reply to your letter of 29 March, that the Belgian Government accept the proposal of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to extend to the Isle of Man and to the Channel Islands the Anglo-Belgian Agreement concerning the reciprocal recognition of driving licences concluded by an Exchange of Notes on 11 December 1968.

This extension of the Agreement may be considered as coming into force today.

I avail myself, Sir, of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Minister for Foreign Affairs:
Administrator-Director General, p.o.

A. BAYOT,

Minister Plenipotentiary.

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