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**Notes exchanged between the United Kingdom and Czechoslovakia respecting the Accession of certain British Dominions and India to the Agreement between Great Britain and the Czechoslovak Republic of January 31, 1923, relative to Commercial Travellers' Samples.**

*London, December 19, 1923, and January 2, 1924.*

(i.)

*The Marquess Curzon of Kedleston to M. Mastny.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, December 19, 1923.*

I HAVE the honour to refer to the agreement between Great Britain and the Czechoslovak Republic relative to commercial travellers' samples which was signed at London on the 31st January, 1923, and of which the ratifications were exchanged at Prague on the 7th September last.

2. Certain of the Governments of His Majesty's Dominions, Colonies and Possessions have expressed their willingness to accede to that agreement, and I understand that the Czechoslovak Government are agreeable that such accession may be effected by means of a formal exchange of notes recording the accession. It would be understood that the agreement applies reciprocally to the acceding British Dominions, Colonies and Possessions in the same manner and on the same conditions as it applies to Great Britain.

3. I have the honour therefore to notify that the Dominions of New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State, Newfoundland and Malta accede to the above-mentioned agreement, together with India. In the case of the Union of South Africa, it is, nevertheless, understood that the amount of duty must be deposited in money and that the sum paid cannot be refunded until the actual export of the samples within one year, because no facilities exist locally for a refund of duty on their being placed in bond.

4. In the event of any other of His Majesty's Dominions, Colonies and Possessions desiring to accede to the agreement in future, His Majesty's Government hereby agree that a similar formal notification of their accession to the Czechoslovak Government and the acceptance of such accession by the latter will suffice for the purpose.

5. If the above course meets with the approval of the Czechoslovak Government, I would suggest that the present note and your reply thereto should be regarded as placing on record the understanding arrived at in the matter.

I have, &c.

CURZON OF KEDLESTON.

(ii.)

*M. Mastny to the Marquess Curzon of Kedleston.*

My Lord, 8-9, Grosvenor Place, January 2, 1924.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Lordship's note of the 19th December, 1923, and, having the authority of the Czechoslovak Government, I hereby note with pleasure that the Dominions of New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State, Newfoundland and Malta, together with India, accede to the agreement between Great Britain and the Czechoslovak Republic relative to commercial travellers' samples signed at London on the 31st January, 1923.

In the case of the Union of South Africa, it is understood that the amount of duty must be deposited in money, and that the sum paid cannot be refunded until the actual export of the samples within one year, but otherwise it is understood that the agreement applies reciprocally to the acceding British Dominions, Colonies and Possessions in the same manner and on the same conditions as it applies to Great Britain.

In the event of any other of His Majesty's Dominions, Colonies or Possessions desiring to accede to the agreement in future, the Czechoslovak Government hereby agree that a similar formal notification of their accession, communicated to the Czechoslovak Government in writing and the acceptance of such accession will suffice for the purpose.

I have, &c.  
JUDr. MASTNÝ.