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London, February 11 and April 27, 1925.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Austrian Minister.

Sir,

Foreign Office, February 11, 1925.

I HAVE the honour to refer to your note No. Z 1, 782, of the 12th May last, in which you informed my predecessor that the Austrian Government were anxious that the agreement signed at Vienna on the 28th March, 1923, between His Majesty's Government and themselves, respecting the customs clearance of commercial travellers' samples, should be extended to the British Dominions, Colonies, Possessions and India.

2. Certain of the Governments of His Majesty's Dominions, Colonies and Possessions have, in reply to the invitation which has been addressed to them, expressed their willingness to accede to the above agreement, and, subject to the concurrence of the Austrian Government, it is proposed 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 Dominion of New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State, Newfoundland, Southern Rhodesia and Malta, and also India, accede to the above-mentioned agreement. In the case of the Union of South Africa, it is nevertheless understood that the amount of duty payable on the samples must be deposited in cash with the customs authorities, and cannot be refunded until these samples have actually been exported, which must take place within one year of the date of importation, since under existing law it is not permissible to allow 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 Austrian 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 Austrian 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.

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

The Austrian Minister to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

*Austrian Legation, London,
April 23, 1925.*

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of the 11th February, 1925, No. C. 1848/852/3, and, in conformity with instructions received from the Austrian Federal Government, to take note that the Dominions of New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State, Newfoundland, Southern Rhodesia and Malta, and also India, accede to the agreement signed at Vienna on the 28th March, 1923, between His Majesty's Government and the Austrian Government respecting the customs clearance of commercial travellers' samples.

In the case of the Union of South Africa, it is understood that the amount of duty payable on the samples must be deposited in cash with the customs authorities, and cannot be refunded until these samples have actually been exported, which must take place within one year of the date of importation. It is further 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 and Possessions desiring to accede to the agreement in future, the Austrian Federal Government hereby agree that a similar formal notification of their accession to the Austrian Government and the acceptance of such accession by the latter will suffice for the purpose.

I have, &c.

G. FRANCKENSTEIN.