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Modifying the Trade Arrangement  
of December 5, 1933

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No. 1.

*The Prime Minister of New Zealand to the Consul of Belgium in New Zealand.*

*Prime Minister's Office, Wellington,*

Sir,

*August 10, 1936.*

REFERRING to the Commercial Arrangement concluded on the 5th December, 1933,<sup>(1)</sup> between the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg and New Zealand, I have the honour to inform you that that Arrangement has now, by mutual agreement, been modified as follows:—

His Majesty's Government in New Zealand will admit for importation goods being the produce or manufacture of the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg and enumerated in Schedule "A" attached to this letter at duties not higher than those indicated in that Schedule, provided that the Government of the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg will admit for importation goods being the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, enumerated in Schedule "B" attached to this letter, at duties not higher than those set out in that Schedule.

It is understood that the present modification constitutes in all respects an integral part of the Commercial Arrangement of the 5th December, 1933, referred to above, and will continue in force accordingly until the expiration of six months from the date on which either Government shall have given to the other notice of revocation of the Arrangement.

I have, &c.

M. J. SAVAGE,  
*Prime Minister.*

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(<sup>1</sup>) "Treaty Series No. 8 (1934)," Cmd. 4508.

SCHEDULE A.

Item No. of the Customs Tariff of New Zealand.	Tariff Item.	Rate of Duty payable in New Zealand on Articles produced or manufac- tured in the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg.
ex 67	Maizena and cornflour ... ..	3d. per lb.
76	Cigars, including the weight of every band, wrapper, or attachment, to any cigar... ..	14s. per lb.
90	Wine containing not more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit, viz. :—	
	(1) Sparkling, all kinds; per gallon, or for six reputed quart bottles, or the reputed equiva- lent in bottles of a larger or smaller capacity	13s.
	(2) Other kinds; per gallon, or for six reputed quart bottles, or the reputed equivalent in bottles of a larger or smaller reputed capacity	6s.
ex 136	Apparel, clothing and hosiery, viz. :—	
	(4) Gloves, and mittens, other than those composed wholly or principally of rubber or asbestos ...	40 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
194	Belts, and belting, n.e.i., for driving machinery; conveyor belts, and belting, of rubber, textile, fibre, or combinations of these materials; cordage or rope on declaration that it will be used only for driving machinery ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
203	Leather manufactures, n.e.i. ... ..	40 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
222	Glass, bevelled, silvered, or with rounded or polished edges; mirrors, and looking-glasses, framed or unframed ... ..	35 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
300	Paper, viz. :—	
	(1) Carbon and similar copying paper, n.e.i. ...	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(2) N.e.i., including tin-foil paper, and gummed paper, n.e.i. :—	
	(a) In sheets of size less than 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent ... ..	40 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(b) In sheets of size not less than 20 inches by 15 inches or the equivalent ... ..	10 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(c) In rolls less than 10 inches wide except such rolls specially suited for industrial or similar purposes in such widths not exceeding 2 inches as the Minister may determine ... ..	40 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(d) In rolls, n.e.i. ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
ex 322	(1) Cartridges :—	
	(a) Shot, 10 to 24 bore ... ..	5s. per 100 or 50 per cent. <i>ad val.</i> (which- ever rate returns the higher duty).
	(b) Shot, n.e.i. ... ..	50 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(c) Ball, .22 calibre ... ..	25 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(d) N.e.i. ... ..	45 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
ex 338	Machinery or appliances, electrical, viz. :—	
	(1) (a) Machinery or appliances, n.e.i., peculiar to the generation of electricity, to the trans- formation of pressures of electric currents, or to the conversion of one type of electric current to another; electric motors; slide rails for electric generators or electric motors	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>

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ex 338 (contd.)	Machinery or appliances, electrical, viz. (contd.):—	
	(1) (b) Batteries or cells not including storage batteries ... ..	35 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(2) Switchboards, fuse boards, and distribution boards or boxes for electric circuits; shunt or voltage regulators; starters or controllers for electric motors; rheostats, and resistances, n.e.i., including reactance or choking coils, for the reduction or control of electric currents, condensers, relays, electro-magnets, switches, wall-plugs and shoes or sockets therefor, circuit breakers, circuit makers, cut-outs, fuses, wire or cable connectors and similar articles, and terminals; lightning arresters for the protection of electrical apparatus ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(3) Carbons or electrodes for arc lamps, for electric furnaces, or for electric welding... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(4) Electric appliances, n.e.i., peculiar to electro-plating, electro-chemistry, electro-metallurgy, surgery, telegraphy, telephony (not including cabinets or parts of cabinets for wireless broadcast receiving sets); X-ray tubes and electrical vacuum tubes not suitable for purposes of illumination ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(5) Electric locomotives; trolley-poles or collectors for electric tram-cars or electric locomotives; frogs, crossings, and line-ears, for overhead conductors for electric railways or tramways; rail bonds with terminals attached ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(6) Metal poles or towers, specially suited for use in electrical transmission-lines ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(7) Insulated cable and wire; carbon in block, sheet, or rod; mica, vulcanite, insulating-tape, and other insulating materials, n.e.i., not including insulating-piping or tubing, or insulating fittings for pipes ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(8) Sparking-plugs for oil engines ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(10) N.e.i. ... ..	40 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
ex 351	Machinery, machines, machine tools, and appliances, viz.:—	
	(1) Anvils, forges, and hearths, viz.: blacksmiths', and similar ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(2) Blacksmiths', braziers', assay, and treadle-power bellows ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(3) Boring and well-drilling machinery; rock drills, and diamond drills ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(4) Blowers, and fans, viz.: exhaust, blast, and ventilating; vacuum cleaners ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(5) Card clothing suitable for use in woollen mills and paper mills ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(6) Grinding machines, emery, and similar; emery and similar wheels ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>

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ex 351 (contd.)	Machinery, machines, machine tools, and appliances, viz. (contd.):—	
	(7) Grinding mills, grinding pans, ball mills, tube mills, bone crushers, corn mills, coffee and spice mills, food chopping, mincing, and similar machines ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(9) Knitting and kilting machines ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(10) Peculiar to metal-working, wood-working, stone-working, or glass-working... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(11) Hydro-extractors ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(12) Weighing machines, scales, and balances, n.e.i.	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(13) Printing machines ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
352	Machinery, machines, machine tools, engines, and appliances, as may be approved by the Minister, peculiar to use in manufacturing, industrial and similar processes ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
ex 357	Metal, viz.:—	
	(2) Aluminium, brass, copper, lead, tin, and other metal, n.e.i., in bars or rods (except cast bars or rods of copper alloy) ... ..	10 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(Note.—Lead and zinc in bars or rods already admissible at 10 per cent. <i>ad val.</i> under existing Trade Arrangement.)	
	(4) Iron, galvanized or plain black, viz.: angle, tee, bar, bolt, channel, rod, and rolled girders; iron girders expanded, but otherwise unworked	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(5) Iron, viz.:—	
	(a) Sheet, plate (including rolled chequered plates), or hoop, plain, whether black, polished, galvanized, plated, tinned, or otherwise coated with metal, n.e.i....	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i> (ex- cept hoop 6 inches in width or over).
	(b) Corrugated sheet iron ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(6) Metal, n.e.i., viz.: foil, leaf; hoop, plate or sheet, plain, whether in the rough, polished, enamelled, galvanized, plated, tinned, or other- wise coated with metal ... ..	10 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(Note.—Lead and zinc already admissible at 10 per cent. <i>ad val.</i> under existing Trade Arrangement.)	
	(7) Shafting, plain rolled, or plain turned, but otherwise unwrought ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(8) Sheet, perforated or cellular ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(10) Wire, metal, plain, n.e.i.; barbed fencing-wire; wire cut to lengths, looped, twisted, or plain, suited for baling and similar purposes... ..	10 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(11) Metal cordage, not being gold or silver ...	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
359	Nails or tacks, of copper, brass, and composition, n.e.i.; nails or tacks, n.e.i.; coopers' and similar hooks and tacks; staples; dog-spikes and deck- spikes ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
360	Nails or tacks, exceeding 1 inch in length, made from iron wire, whether plain, galvanized, or cement- coated, n.e.i. ... ..	£4 per ton.

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362	Pipes, piping, tubes, and tubing (except coil pipes), viz.:—	
	(1) Wrought iron, steel, or wood, n.e.i. (including such pipes or tubes when protected with a cement or similar coating), not less than 4 inches, but less than 9 inches in internal diameter ... ..	40 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(2) (a) Cast iron, n.e.i., including rain-water, soil, and similar pipes ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(b) (i) Centrifugally-cast iron pipes, piping, tubes and tubing, exceeding 6 inches but not exceeding 12 inches in nominal internal diameter ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(b) (ii) Centrifugally-cast iron pipes, piping, tubes and tubing, not less than 4 inches but not exceeding 6 inches in nominal internal diameter ... ..	40 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(3) Wrought iron, or steel, screwed; boiler tubes, flanged or unflanged; and all pipes, piping, tubes and tubing, n.e.i. ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(4) Lead or composition ... ..	7s. per cwt.
	(5) Knees, bends, elbows, junction or inspection boxes, including covers therefor, and other fittings, n.e.i., for pipes, piping, tubes or tubing, viz.:—	
	(a) of brass or other copper alloy ... ..	20 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(b) of cast iron for rain-water, soil, and similar pipes... ..	40 per cent. <i>ad val.</i>
	(6) Knees, bends, elbows, junction or inspection boxes, including covers therefor, and other fittings, n.e.i., for any of the above-mentioned pipes, piping, tubes, or tubing, shall be classed under the same item of the Tariff as the pipes, piping, tubes, and tubing, for which they are fittings.	

#### SCHEDULE B.

Item No. of  
the Customs  
Tariff of the  
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Union of  
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Luxemburg.

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burg on Articles pro-  
duced or manufactured  
in New Zealand.

11	Honey, natural ... ..	60 francs per 100 kilos. net weight.
47	Sausage casings, salt, fresh, or dried... ..	Free.
ex 118 B 3	Kauri gums ... ..	Free.
379	Casein ... ..	Free.

No. 2.

*The Consul of Belgium in New Zealand to the Prime Minister of New Zealand.*

*Consulat Général de Belgique,*

Sir,

*Sydney, August 21, 1936.*

I HAVE to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 10th instant referring to the Commercial Arrangement concluded on the 5th December, 1933, between the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg and New Zealand.

Under instructions from my Government I have the honour to inform you that that Arrangement has now, by mutual agreement, been modified as follows:—

The Government of the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg will admit for importation goods being the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, and enumerated in Schedule "B" <sup>(2)</sup> attached to this letter, at duties not higher than those indicated in that Schedule, provided that the New Zealand Government will admit for importation goods being the produce or manufacture of the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxemburg, enumerated in Schedule "A" <sup>(2)</sup> attached to this letter, at duties not higher than those set out in that Schedule.

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I have, &c.

ARMAND NIHOTTE,

*Consul of Belgium in New Zealand.*

<sup>(2)</sup> As attached to No. 1.