



Treaty Series No. 67 (1963)

Exchange of Notes

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

exempting from Italian Dues and Taxes, Fuels and
Lubricants used by the Commonwealth War Graves
Commission acting under the Agreement signed in
Rome on August 27, 1953

Rome, April 17/20, 1961

[The Agreement entered into force on June 23, 1963]

*Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
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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 ITALIAN REPUBLIC EXEMPTING FROM ITALIAN DUES AND TAXES FUELS AND LUBRICANTS USED BY THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION ACTING UNDER THE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN ROME ON AUGUST 27, 1953

No. 1.

Her Majesty's Ambassador at Rome to the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs

British Embassy,

Your Excellency,

Rome, April 17, 1961.

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement signed in Rome on the 27th of August, 1953,⁽¹⁾ between the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, India and Pakistan (hereinafter referred to as the Commonwealth Governments) and the Government of the Italian Republic regarding British Commonwealth War Graves in Italian Territory. Under Article 2 of the said Agreement, the Government of the Italian Republic recognised the Imperial War Graves Commission (now known as the Commonwealth War Graves Commission) as the sole official organisation charged with the care of the Commonwealth Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials, and have accordingly granted it a number of rights and privileges.

On behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, acting with the consent and approval of the other Commonwealth Governments, I now have the honour to propose that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission shall be exempt from the payment of all dues and taxes, present and future, levied by the Italian Government on the fuels and lubricants used by the Commission in fulfilling its tasks under the above mentioned Agreement.

The practical formalities for the implementation of the aforesaid exemption shall be agreed directly between the competent Italian authorities and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

If the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Italian Republic, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your Excellency's reply in that sense should constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on a date to be communicated to the United Kingdom Government by the Italian Government.⁽²⁾

Please accept, etc.

ASHLEY CLARKE.

(1) "Treaty Series No. 45 (1955)", Cmd. 9531.

(2) This Agreement entered into force on June 23, 1963.

*The Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Ambassador
at Rome*

Signor Ambasciatore,

Roma, 20 aprile 1961.

ho l'onore di segnare ricevuta della Nota in data 17 aprile 1961 di Vostra Eccellenza del seguente tenore:

“Ho l'onore di fare riferimento all'Accordo firmato a Roma il 27 agosto 1953 fra il Governo della Repubblica Italiana ed il Governo del Regno Unito di Gran Bretagna e d'Irlanda del Nord, del Canada, dell'Australia, della Nuova Zelanda, dell'Unione del Sud Africa, dell'India e del Pakistan (qui appresso indicati come Governi del Commonwealth) relativo alle Tombe di Guerra del Commonwealth britannico in territorio italiano.

Ai sensi dell'art. 2 di tale Accordo, il Governo della Repubblica Italiana riconosceva la Commissione imperiale per le Tombe di Guerra (ora denominata Commissione del Commonwealth per le Tombe di Guerra) come la sola organizzazione ufficiale incaricata della cura dei Cimiteri, delle Tombe e dei Monumenti commemorativi del Commonwealth, per cui le accordava alcuni diritti e privilegi.

Ho, ora, l'onore di proporre a Vostra Eccellenza, a nome del Governo del Regno Unito di Gran Bretagna e d'Irlanda del Nord e agendo con il consenso e l'approvazione degli altri Governi del Commonwealth, che la Commissione del Commonwealth per le Tombe di Guerra sia esentata dal pagamento di tutte le imposte e tasse, presenti e future, fatte gravare dal Governo Italiano sui carburanti e i lubrificanti, usati dalla Commissione nello svolgimento delle proprie funzioni, quali risultano dal su menzionato Accordo.

Le modalità pratiche per l'applicazione di tale esenzione saranno concordate direttamente tra le competenti Autorità italiane e la Commissione del Commonwealth per le Tombe di Guerra.

Qualora le proposte che precedono fossero accettabili dal Governo Italiano, ho l'onore di proporre che la presente Nota e la Nota di risposta in tal senso di Vostra Eccellenza siano considerate un Accordo tra i due Governi, Accordo che entrerà in vigore alla data che il Governo italiano comunicherà al Governo del Regno Unito.”

Al riguardo ho l'onore di comunicare che il Governo italiano accetta le proposte sopraddette e concorda che la Nota di Vostra Eccellenza e la presente risposta costituiscano un Accordo fra i due Governi che entrerà in vigore alla data che sarà comunicata dal Governo italiano al Governo del Regno Unito.

Voglia gradire, ecc.

SEGN1.

(Translation of No. 2)

Your Excellency,

Rome, April 20th, 1961.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note dated April 17th 1961 reading as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In this connexion I have the honour to inform you that the Italian Government accepts the aforesaid proposals and agrees that Your Excellency's Note and the present reply constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which will enter into force on the date which will be notified by the Italian Government to the Government of the United Kingdom.

Please accept, etc.

SEGNÉ.

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