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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

## on the Reciprocal Recognition of Driving Licences

London, 11 December 1968

*Presented to Parliament  
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth 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 KINGDOM OF BELGIUM ON THE**  
**RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF DRIVING LICENCES**

No. 1

*The Belgian Ambassador in London to the Secretary of State  
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*

829/14817

*Belgian Embassy,*

Sir,

*London, S.W.1, 11th December, 1968.*

I have the honour to inform you that a law has recently been enacted in Belgium on the requirements for driving licences and that, in order to facilitate road travel for holders of British driving licences in the Kingdom of Belgium and for holders of Belgian driving licences in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of Belgium are prepared to conclude a provisional Agreement with the Government of the United Kingdom in the following terms:

1. (a) Valid driving licences issued in accordance with national laws and regulations by the competent authorities of one Party to this Agreement to persons who are resident outside the territory of the other Party, shall be recognised as valid within the territory of the other Party for a period of one year from the date of the holder's last entry into that territory.

(b) The holder of a valid driving licence issued in the territory of one Party, who is temporarily in the territory of the other Party, shall be permitted to drive in the latter territory, during the period in which the driving licence is recognised as valid in that territory in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph, any motor vehicle of the class for which the driving licence has been issued, without an official translation in the language of the other Party or any other document having the same force and value.

2. Nothing in this Agreement shall confer any form of exemption from national laws and regulations concerning the minimum age for drivers in respect of the various classes of vehicle or from the national regulations concerning drivers who are disqualified from driving.

3. A specimen of the Belgian driving licence for the different classes of motor vehicles established by relevant Belgian regulations and of the driving licences issued by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are attached to this Note as Annexes A to I.<sup>(1)</sup>

If the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with its Annexes and your reply to that effect, shall constitute a provisional Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply and shall continue in force until the expiry of three months' written notice of termination which may be given at any time by either Government to the other.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

J. V.D. BOSCH

No. 2

*The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to  
the Belgian Ambassador in London*

*Foreign and Commonwealth Office,*

Your Excellency,

*London, S.W.1, 11 December, 1968.*

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 829/14817 of the 11th of December, 1968, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland who therefore agree that Your Excellency's Note and this reply shall constitute a provisional Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on this day's date.

I have the honour to be,

with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(for the Secretary of State)

GILLIAN BROWN

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