

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE No. 88 of 1930.

The following Customs Agreement between His Excellency the High Commissioner, on behalf of the Bechuanaland Protectorate, and His Excellency the Governor of Southern Rhodesia, on behalf of the Colony of Southern Rhodesia, is hereby published for general information.

By Command of His Excellency the
High Commissioner.

SHIRLEY EALES,

Acting Imperial Secretary.

High Commissioner's Office,
Pretoria, 25th July, 1930.

CUSTOMS AGREEMENT.

THE BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE-SOUTHERN
RHODESIA, 1930.

His Excellency the High Commissioner for South Africa, on behalf of the Bechuanaland Protectorate (hereinafter referred to as "the Protectorate"), and His Excellency the Governor of Southern Rhodesia on behalf of the Colony of Southern Rhodesia (hereinafter referred to as "the Colony"), recognizing that it is desirable that trade between their respective countries should be as free and uninterrupted as possible and that each country is entitled to the customs duties collected on goods imported into it through the other country, have agreed upon the following articles:—

ARTICLE I.

The Customs Agreement which came into force on the first day of January, 1915, shall, as from the 1st day of July, 1930, be superseded in so far as it relates to the Bechuanaland Protectorate by this present Agreement.

ARTICLE II.

Goods consigned to the Bechuanaland Protectorate in transit through Southern Rhodesia or *ex* Southern Rhodesia open stocks shall be admitted free of duty, provided that an account shall be kept by the Southern Rhodesia Government of all such goods and the duty thereon at the rates applicable thereto in the tariff of Southern Rhodesia shall be paid over by the Government of Southern Rhodesia to the Government of the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

ARTICLE III.

There shall be free interchange of the products and manufactures of the countries of each of the contracting parties with the exception of spirits, ale and beer, matches and cigarettes, the duties of the customs and excise on which shall be subject to the following provisions:—

- (a) In the case of spirits distilled in the Protectorate, the customs duty leviable upon importation into the Colony shall not exceed twenty-seven shillings per imperial gallon, not exceeding the strength of proof, and so on in proportion for any greater strength.

NOTE.—No allowance to be made by the Colony for underproof in the case of oversea spirits.

- (b) In the event of spirits being distilled in the Colony, the customs duty leviable upon importation of such spirits into the Protectorate shall be such as may be payable according to the tariff in force in the Protectorate.
- (c) In the case of ale and beer, matches and cigarettes manufactured in the Protectorate and removed to the Colony, the amount of excise leviable in the Protectorate shall be paid to the Colony upon such removal, and similarly credit shall be passed to the Protectorate for the like rates upon removal of ale and beer, matches and cigarettes, manufactured in the Colony to the Protectorate.

ARTICLE IV.

(1) The Colony shall levy and recover, and be responsible for levying and recovering, the amount of duty suspended on any of the articles shown in the Schedule imported into the Colony upon the removal therefrom of such articles for consumption in the Protectorate.

(2) In respect of goods which are removed from the Colony direct to the Protectorate the Colony shall be responsible that all such goods are accompanied by the proper customs forms as provided by regulation.

ARTICLE V.

Each party to this Agreement shall, notwithstanding anything contained herein, be entitled to levy on any article produced or manufactured in its country (whether made from ingredients grown or produced in or imported into such country or from a mixture of any such ingredients) a duty of excise, and each party to this Agreement so imposing an excise duty shall be entitled to levy upon the like articles produced or manufactured in the country of the other party a customs duty or surtax not exceeding such excise duty, on importation and entry for consumption of such like articles within its country. The right of the Protectorate to impose any excise duty under this Agreement on any article on which an excise duty is imposed in the Union shall not be questioned on the ground that such article is not in fact produced or manufactured in the Protectorate.

ARTICLE VI.

The provisions of this Agreement shall take effect from the 1st July, 1930, and shall continue in force until the 30th June, 1931, and thereafter for periods of twelve months, provided that either party to this Agreement may give notice before the 31st December in any year subsequent to the year 1930 of its intention to retire therefrom as from the 30th June following such notice, and provided further that, should the Colony at any time amend its customs tariff or take any steps in conflict with the spirit and intent of this Agreement, the Protectorate shall be at liberty to retire therefrom forthwith, and similarly, should the Protectorate take any steps in conflict with the spirit and intent of this Agreement, the Colony shall be at liberty to retire therefrom forthwith.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Durban this Eighth day of July One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty.

ATHLONE,
High Commissioner.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Salisbury this Twenty-fourth day of June One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty.

C. H. RODWELL,
Governor.

SCHEDULE.

<i>Extent of Suspension.</i>	<i>Tariff Item.</i>	<i>Description.</i>
%		
100	1	Animals.
100	15 (a) (iii)	Bran, wheaten.
100	20	Fodder.
50	22	Fruits, preserved and dried (not including dates).
100	30 (b)	Meats, fresh, frozen, and chilled.
100	37	Seed potatoes.
50	43 (b)	Other kinds of sugar, including golden and maple syrup, molasses, saccharum, glucose, and treacle.
100	43 Note	Surtax on bounty-fed sugar.
50	45	Tea.
50	93	Carriages, carts, coaches, and wagons ; and finished parts thereof, n.e.e.
50	190	Candles.
100	200 (b) (ii)	Oils, mineral paraffin.
50	206	Soap, all kinds.
50	310 (a)	Blasting compounds.