

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE
No. 175 of 1942.

**VARIATION OF THE CUSTOMS AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN THE BECHUANALAND PRO-
TECTORATE AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA,
1937.**

The subjoined despatches exchanged between the Acting Governor of Southern Rhodesia and the High Commissioner are hereby published for general information.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

H. E. PRIESTMAN,
Administrative Secretary.

High Commissioner's Office,
Pretoria, 24th July, 1942.

Governor's Office,
Salisbury,
Southern Rhodesia,
8rd July, 1942.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.
No. 19.

My Lord,

With reference to the discussions which took place at Mafeking in August, 1941, between the Minister of Agriculture and Lands of Southern Rhodesia and the Resident Commissioner of the Bechuanaland Protectorate on certain matters relating to the importation of agricultural and pastoral products from the Bechuanaland Protectorate into Southern Rhodesia, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that this Government agree to the customs agreement entered into between the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Southern Rhodesia, which was signed at Pretoria on the 5th October, 1937, and at Salisbury on the 4th November, 1937, being supplemented by the provisions of the following agreement:—

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BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE—SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

His Excellency the High Commissioner for Basutoland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland, on behalf of the Bechuanaland Protectorate (hereinafter referred to as 'the Protectorate'), and His

Excellency the Acting Governor of Southern Rhodesia, on behalf of the Colony of Southern Rhodesia (hereinafter referred to as 'the Colony'), recognising that it is desirable that the customs agreement entered into between their respective countries which came into operation on the 1st October, 1937 (hereinafter referred to as 'the principal agreement'), should be supplemented in certain regards, have agreed upon the following articles:—

Article I.

This agreement shall be read as one with the principal agreement.

Article II.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal agreement, imports of the following products of the Protectorate into the Colony shall be subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) *Pigs*.—All pigs exported from the Protectorate to the Colony for slaughter purposes, that is to say, all pigs other than breeding stock shall be sold and consigned to the Southern Rhodesia Cold Storage Commission, Bulawayo, who shall deduct from the price payable to the exporter an amount equivalent to the levy payable in terms of section *thirteen* of the Pig Industry Act (Chapter 189) of the Colony in respect of slaughter pigs produced in the Colony. The Commission shall pay such amount to the Accountant, Division of Agriculture and Lands, Salisbury, who shall make available to the administration of the Protectorate on request by such administration an account of all such monies received.
- (b) *Pig Products*.—The importation into the Colony from the Protectorate of all pig products shall be prohibited.
- (c) *Eggs*.—All eggs in the shell, other than eggs for incubation purposes, exported from the Protectorate to the Colony shall be consigned only to recognised handlers of eggs within the Colony authorised for this purpose in writing by the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Lands, Salisbury. It shall be a condition of import that if, owing to surplus production within the Colony at the time of the import of such eggs from the Protectorate, eggs produced in the Colony are being placed in cold storage, the eggs imported from the Protectorate shall also be placed in cold storage by the importer, and shall be paid

for at a price not greater than that which at the time is being paid for eggs produced in the Colony purchased for cold storage.

In the event of the enactment of legislation in the Colony to provide for the control and orderly marketing of eggs, eggs imported from the Protectorate shall become subject to all the provisions of such legislation which apply to eggs produced in the Colony.

(d) *Butter and Cheese.*—The importation into the Colony from the Protectorate of butter and cheese shall be prohibited except where authorised by a permit issued by the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Lands, Salisbury. Such permit shall be issued only to creameries licensed in terms of the Dairy Act (Chapter 186) of the Colony.

Any such products imported under permit shall be subject to the levies payable in terms of section *eight* of the aforesaid Act.

(e) *Creams.*—The export from the Protectorate into the Colony of cream shall be subject to control by the Administration of the Protectorate. The Administration shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to ensure that all authorised exports of cream to the Colony are consigned to the Rhodesia Co-operative Creameries (1936) Limited, Bulawayo, only. The Administration shall, in addition, inform the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Lands, Salisbury, annually of the date on which authorised exports of cream to the Colony will commence and the date on which such exports are expected to cease.

(f) *Slaughter Cattle.*—The Administration of the Protectorate shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to ensure that all exports to the Colony of slaughter cattle are made to the Cold Storage Commission at Bulawayo, who shall pay prices in accordance with arrangements made between the Administration of the Protectorate and the Commission.

(g) *Feeder Cattle.*—The export from the Protectorate into the Colony of feeder cattle, including weaners, shall be confined to European-owned cattle produced in the Tati Concession: provided that the parties hereto may agree to waive this provision.

The Administration of the Protectorate shall ensure that no feeder cattle are sent from the Protectorate to any person other than the Cold Storage Commission at Bulawayo, after having been purchased by or on behalf of the said Commission.

(h) *Maize and Maize Products*.—All imports of maize and maize products into the Colony from the Protectorate shall be effected through the Southern Rhodesia Maize Control Board.

Article III.

The free and unrestricted entry of pigs and eggs from the Protectorate after the 31st December, 1944, shall be subject to review by the Government of the Colony in the light of the circumstances then prevailing.

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Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed to affect the rights of either party hereto to impose or maintain prohibitions or restrictions designed to protect human, animal or plant health or life.

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Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII of the principal agreement, either party to this agreement may retire from its provisions at any time following six months' notice to the other party."

This despatch and Your Lordship's reply in similar terms shall be regarded as a variation to the customs agreement entered into between Southern Rhodesia and the Bechuanaland Protectorate in 1937, which shall take effect on the 1st August, 1942.

I have the honour to be,

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Your Excellency's most obedient,
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A. F. RUSSELL,
Acting Governor.

His Excellency
The High Commissioner for Basutoland,
The Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland,
Pretoria.

No. 5789.

High Commissioner's Office,
Pretoria, 13th July, 1942.

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