TRADE AGREEMENT (SOUTHERN RHODESIA).

**No. 10 of 1941.**

An Act to approve an Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of Southern Rhodesia.

[Assented to 7th April, 1941.]

BE it enacted by the King’s Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

**Short title.**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the *Trade Agreement (Southern Rhodesia) Act* 1941.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

**Approval of Agreement.**

**3.** The Agreement entered into between His Majesty’s Government in the Commonwealth of Australia and His Excellency the Governor of Southern Rhodesia, on behalf of the Government of Southern Rhodesia (a copy of which Agreement is set forth in the Schedule to this Act) is hereby approved.

THE SCHEDULE.

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TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

His Majesty’s Government in the Commonwealth of Australia and His Excellency the Governor of Southern Rhodesia, on behalf of the Government of Southern Rhodesia, being desirous of improving and extending the commercial relations existing between Australia and Southern Rhodesia, and affirming the principle of granting tariff preferences the one to the other on goods the produce or manufacture of their respective territories, have agreed upon the following Articles:—

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F. E. H.

Article I.

In this Agreement and the Schedules hereto—

(*a*) the expressions “Australian Customs Tariff” and “Southern Rhodesian Customs Tariff” shall, in relation to any goods, be deemed to mean the Australian Customs Tariff or Southern Rhodesian Customs Tariff in force on the date on which such goods are entered for home consumption in Australia or Southern Rhodesia, as the case may be;

(*b*) the expression “British Preferential Tariff” shall, in relation to any goods, be deemed to mean the British Preferential Tariff of Australia in force on the date on which such goods are entered for home consumption in Australia: and

(*c*) the expression “Column ‘C’ of the Southern Rhodesian Customs Tariff” shall, in relation to any goods, be deemed to mean the rates of duty imposed under Column ‘C’ of the Southern Rhodesian Customs Tariff in force on the date on which such goods are entered for home consumption in Southern Rhodesia.

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Article II.

(1) Goods enumerated in Schedule ‘A’ to this Agreement, produced or manufactured in Australia shall, on importation into Southern Rhodesia, be admitted free of Customs Duty.

(2) Goods enumerated in Schedule ‘B’ to this Agreement, produced or manufactured in Australia shall, on importation into Southern Rhodesia, be admitted at the rates of Customs Duty imposed on like goods under Column ‘C’ of the Southern Rhodesian Customs Tariff, subject to a preferential rebate from such rates to the extent shown opposite each item.

(3) Goods enumerated in Schedule ‘C’ to this Agreement produced or manufactured in Australia shall, on importation into Southern Rhodesia, be admitted at the rates of Customs Duty imposed on like goods under Column ‘C’ of the Southern Rhodesian Customs Tariff.

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Article III.

In the event of the Government of Southern Rhodesia granting permits for the importation into Southern Rhodesia of wheat in the grain or wheat flour in commercial quantities from any other country, with the exception of Northern Rhodesia, at rates of Customs Duty lower than those accorded under this Agreement to like goods of Australian produce or manufacture, similar treatment will be accorded to like products of Australian produce or manufacture.

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Article IV.

(1) Unmanufactured tobacco covered by Tariff Item 19 of the Australian Customs Tariff, the produce of Southern Rhodesia shall, on importation into Australia, be accorded a preferential rate nine pence per lb. lower than the rate of duty payable under the British Preferential Tariff.

(2) Raw asbestos and chrome ore the produce of Southern Rhodesia on importation into Australia shall be admitted free of Primage Duty and shall not be subjected to any Duties of Customs higher than those applicable to raw asbestos and chrome ore the produce of any other country.

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The Schedule—*continued.*

Article V.

For the purposes of this Agreement, goods shall be deemed to be the produce or manufacture of Australia or Southern Rhodesia, as the case may be, if conforming, with respect to the proportion of home production therein, with the laws or regulations in force from time to time in the country of importation which apply to such goods when imported under its British Preferential Tariff.

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Article VI.

This Agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Parliament of Southern Rhodesia. Upon approval being given it shall be brought into force on a date to be mutually agreed upon and shall remain in force until the expiration of six months from the date on which either Government shall have given to the other notice in writing of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

Signed on behalf of His Majesty’s Government in the Commonwealth of Australia.

E. J. HARRISON

Minister of State for Trade and Customs.

Canberra, 23rd December, 1940.

Signed on behalf of the Government of Southern Rhodesia.

H. J. STANLEY

Governor of Southern Rhodesia.

Salisbury, February 25th, 1941.

Initialled on behalf of the Government of Southern Rhodesia.

F. E. HARRIS

Minister of Agriculture and Lands of

Southern Rhodesia.

Canberra, 23rd December, 1940.

SCHEDULE “A”.

Goods the Produce or Manufacture of Australia to be Admitted Free of Duty on Importation into Southern Rhodesia.

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| Tariff Item. | Goods. |
| 5  | Butter |
| 23 (*b*)  | Gelatine, animal or vegetable—in bulk |
| 24  | Glue—in bulk |
| 26  | Hops—in bulk |
| 40 (*a*)  | Seeds, bulbs, plants, trees and tubers; for planting and sowing only, not including those ordinarily used for food or fodder. |
| 59  | Bags and bagging (not including paper or leather bags):—(*a*) Bags, n.e.e., for flour, grain, manure, local manufactures and produce, sugar, wool, coal and minerals (*b*) Jute bags, bagging and sacking in the piece(*c*) Linen and cotton bags for salt, flour and sugar |
| 101 (*a*)  | Dairy utensils and machinery, n.e.e. |
| (*b*)  | Cream separators |
| 104  | Fencing material:—anchors, droppers, gates, hurdles, posts, standards, strainers, staples, stiles, winders and other materials or fastenings of metal ordinarily used for agricultural and railway fencing, but not including wire and wire netting |
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The Schedule—*continued.*

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| Tariff Item | Goods. |
| 118  | Machinery, apparatus, appliances and implements (not specially provided for, and not including domestic machines or vehicles) ):— |
|  | (*a*) (i) For agricultural purposes, but not including ploughs and parts thereof (ii) Ploughs and parts thereof (*b*) Fixed plant and machinery for factory installation, including structural steel work for staging and platforms there for(*c*) For mining purposes, including structural steel work for staging and platforms there for; steel sets and guides(*d*) Other, for manufacturing and industrial purposes, including machinery for power laundries, and also including structural steelwork for staging and platforms there for |

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| 122  | Iron and steel:— |
|  | (*a*) In blocks, ingots, pigs, billets, slabs, blooms and like crude manufactures; and scrap (*b*) (i) Plates of a size not less than 24 inches in width (width being defined as the minimum measurement)(ii) Sheets; plain, corrugated or galvanized(*c*) Angle, bar less than 24 inches in width (width being defined as the minimum measurement), channel, hoop, rod, H, T and similar iron or steel, not perforated or put together or worked up in any way, and not specially provided for(*d*) Drill steel(e) Tool steel(*f*) Hoop iron and hoop steel, shaped or fashioned (*h*) Bridgework |

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| ex 163 (*c*)  | Fencing wire |
| 155 (*a*)  | Wire-netting for fencing |
| ex 227  | Fertilizers, in bulk; animal, mineral or vegetable, artificial or natural; and phosphate rock and maltassa |
| ex 246 (*a*)  | Substances for the prevention or destruction of pests, including sheep and cattle dips and dipping powders and materials suitable only for dip |
| 246 (*d*)  | Such preparations for the eradication of disease in stock as may be approved of by the Controller and under such conditions as he may prescribe |
| 254  | Leather in the piece—patent and enamelled; morocco and sheepskin tanned with sumac and grained to imitate morocco; pigskin and valve hide, and rawhide blanks for cutting into gears |
| 258  | Rubber, unmanufactured, including synthetic rubber, latex, crude, waste, masticated and reclaimed rubber and gutta percha |
| 273  | Plywood and pulpboard for building purposes |
| 279 (*a*)  | Wood, unmanufactured |

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The Schedule—*continued.*

SCHEDULE “B”.

Rebate from Rates of Duty Levied under Column ‘C’ of the Southern Rhodesian Customs Tariff, to be Granted to Goods, the Produce or Manufacture of Australia, on Importation into Southern Rhodesia.

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| Tariff Item, | Goods. | Rebate. |
| ex 3  | Biscuits, cakes and puddings  | 20% |
| 15 (*a*) (i)  | Wheat in the grain  | 25% |
| 22  | Fruits— |  |
|  | (*b*) Bottled, tinned or otherwise preserved, except crystallized fruits; but including pulp and candied peel  | 50% |
|  | (*c*) Dried, of all kinds, not including nuts  | 50% |
| 23 (*a*)  | Gelatine, animal or vegetable—not in bulk  | 20% |
| ex 27  | Jams, jellies and honey  | 50% |
| ex 27  | Pudding, cake and jelly powders  | 20% or 50% whichever rebate is accorded to South Africa |
| 32  | Milk (including cream), condensed or preserved—(*a*) Full cream  | 20% |
|  | (*c*) Milk powder  | 20% |
| 48 (*a*)  | Ale and beer, all kinds of strength, exceeding 3 per cent, of proof spirit  | 33$\frac{1}{3}$% |
| ex 50 (*c*) (i)  | Brandy  | 10% |
| 52 | Wines— |  |
|  | (*b*) Still wines, exceeding 25 per cent, of proof spirit, but not exceeding 50 per cent.  | 33$\frac{1}{3}$% |
|  | (*c*) Sparkling wines  | 33$\frac{1}{3}$% |
| ex 61  | Blankets and rugs  | 20% |
| 231  | Medicinal preparations, n.e.e.  | 20% |
| 251  | Boots and shoes— |  |
|  | (*a*) Of rubber, or boots and shoes the soles of which are wholly or partly of rubber  | 33$\frac{1}{3}$% |
|  | (*b*) All other, and including slippers, sandals, infants’ shoes and bootees  | 33$\frac{1}{3}$% |
|  | (*d*) Soles, tips and heels  | 20% |
| 256  | Leather in the piece, n.e.i  | 33$\frac{1}{3}$% |
| 307  | Sporting and athletic goods, that is, articles n.e.e. used for outdoor or indoor games; toys; and fishing appliances (not being for industrial purposes)  | 20% |

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SCHEDULE “C”.

Goods, the Produce or Manufacture of Australia, to be Granted the Rates of Duty Levied under Column ‘C’ of the Southern Rhodesian Customs Tariff, on Importation into Southern Rhodesia.

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| Tariff Item | Goods. |
| 14  | Confectionery:— |
|  | Plain or fancy, of all kinds, compounded, made or preserved with sugar; sweetened cocoa or chocolate; sweetmeats, crystallized fruits; candied or preserved ginger, chow-chow, bonbons, surprise packets, crackers and Christmas stockings |

The Schedule—*continued.*

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| Tariff Item. | Goods. |
| ex 15 (*a*)(ii)  | Wheat flour |
| ex 50 (*c*)(i)  | Whisky |
| 65  | Clothing and Underclothing:— |
|  | (*a*) Outer garments; Jackets, jacket-shirts or jumpers, jerkins (not knitted), vests, trousers and shorts(*b*) Shirts(*c*) All other, n.e.e.—(i) Knitted(ii) Not knitted |
| 69(*a*)  | Hats, caps and bonnets |
| 70  | Hosiery, socks and stockings |
| 73 (*a*)  | Millinery, drapery, haberdashery and textile articles of furnishing and napery, n.e.e. |
| 84  | Baths and sinks, metal; and bath, sink and lavatory plugs, washers, wastes and overflows  |
| 143 (*a*)  | Stoves, ranges, coppers and grates |
| (*b*)  | Electric cooking and heating appliances, viz.:—stoves, kettles, radiators, washing machines, irons, ironing machines, steam raisers and water heaters  |
| 259 (*a*)  | Rubber, manufactures of, n.e.e., and not being toys |

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