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between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand

concerning the reciprocal granting of Licences to Amateur Radio Operators

Bangkok, 5 and 25 June 2002

[The Agreement entered into force on 9 August 2002]

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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 THAILAND CONCERNING THE RECIPROCAL GRANTING OF LICENCES TO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

No. 1

The British Ambassador at Bangkok to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand

Bangkok

5 June 2002

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland proposes to conclude an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand in order to authorise British and Thai amateur radio operators to operate their amateur radio stations in each other's country, with a view to strengthening the friendly relations between the two countries, under the following terms and conditions:

1. Any Thai or British national, duly authorised to install and operate an amateur radio station by means of an effective license granted by the competent authorities of his respective country, may be permitted to obtain an equivalent license from the competent authorities of the other country, on a reciprocal basis, in compliance with this Agreement.

2. Delivery of such authorisation by the said authorities shall follow a procedure prescribed by the domestic law and regulations of that country, subject to the right to change, suspend or cancel them at any time without obligation to give reasons for the decision taken.

3. Each Party shall inform the Party granting the original authorisation of any infringements committed by the visiting radio amateur.

4. This Agreement shall be entirely in conformity with the Radio Regulations for the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and the prevailing law and regulations on this matter of the countries of both Parties.

5. In case that a multilateral agreement on this matter should become effective for both Parties, the provisions thereof shall prevail over the provisions of this Agreement.

6. This Agreement shall remain in force until 60 days after the date on which either Party notifies the other in writing of its desire to terminate the Agreement.

If the foregoing terms are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand, I have the honour to propose that this Note and the Note of the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand in reply to that effect constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force 45 days after the date of the Note in reply.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

LLOYD BARNABY SMITH

No. 2

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand to the British Ambassador at Bangkok

Bangkok

25 June 2002

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note No. MO 20/02 dated 5 June 2002, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply, I have the honour to state that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and that the present Note and your Note under reply constitute an Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This Agreement shall enter into force forty-five days after the date of this Note, that is the 9th of August B.E. 2545 (2002).

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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