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COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT

between

the Government of the Union of South Africa
and the Government of the French Republic

Pretoria, August 27, 1935

*Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
to Parliament by Command of His Majesty*

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COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

Pretoria, August 27, 1935.

No. 1.

Dr. Bodenstein to M. M. de Simonin.

Department of External Affairs,
M. le Chargé d'Affaires, Pretoria, August 27, 1935.

I HAVE the honour to place on record that the Union and the French Government have agreed provisionally and pending a more embracing agreement as follows:—

1. The following goods the produce or manufacture of France, to wit:—

Cotton piece-goods not being canvas, blanketing or kaffir-sheeting containing 50 per cent. or more of cotton and specified under Tariff item No. 76 (a) (i) and (ii);

Woollen piece-goods, woven or knitted, under Tariff item No. 76 (b);

Mixed piece-goods (containing 50 per cent. or more of artificial silk) under Tariff item No. 76 (c) (i) and (d) (i);

New hats, caps and bonnets of wool, felt, hair, straw and other vegetable fibre, under Tariff item No. 69 (d) and (e);

Beads under Tariff item No. 299;

shall enjoy, when imported into the Union from France, the benefit of the intermediate tariff.

2. The following goods originally coming from and produced in the Union shall, when imported into France, enjoy the tariff applicable to similar products of the most favoured nation, to wit:—

(1) Hides and skins, raw (item 21 of the French Customs Tariff);

(2) Pelts, raw (item 22 of the French Customs Tariff);

(3) Wool and woollen sheepskins (ex item 23 of the French Customs Tariff);

(4) Hairs combed or carded of Angora goats (ex item 25 of the French Customs Tariff);

(5) Asbestos (ex item 179 *ter* B of the French Customs Tariff);

(6) Manganese ore (item 231 of the French Customs Tariff).

3. No goods shall be regarded as having been manufactured or produced in France unless at least 25 per cent. of the factory or works cost of those goods is represented by material produced and labour performed in France.

4. The Union Government undertake not to extend, during the currency of this agreement, to the detriment of French goods, the list of goods in respect of which the maximum tariff is to be applied.

5. This Agreement shall come into force from to-day and shall continue in force during the year 1935.⁽¹⁾

6. This Agreement shall be subject to ratification by both Houses of Parliament of the Union in its next Session and by the Parliament of France.

7. The Union shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, include the Mandated Territory of South West Africa.

I will greatly appreciate receiving from you the assurance that the above represents correctly the terms agreed upon.

Please accept, &c.

H. D. J. BODENSTEIN,
Secretary for External Affairs.

⁽¹⁾ Extended to July 31, 1936, by Exchange of Notes of December 17, 1935.
Extended to July 31, 1937, by Exchange of Notes of May 6, 1936.
Extended to December 31, 1937, by Exchange of Notes of May 8, 1937.
Extended to March 31, 1938, by Exchange of Notes of December 22, 1937.
Extended to September 30, 1938, by Exchange of Notes of March 28, 1938.

No. 2.

M. M. de Simonin to Dr. Bodenstein.

Sir, *Pretoria, August 27, 1935.*

I BEG to acknowledge receipt of your letter of even date and to give you the assurance that the following terms as set forth in your letter under reply correctly reflect the agreement arrived at between the French and the Union Governments:—

[As in No. 1.]

Please accept, &c.

M. DE SIMONIN,
Chargé d'Affaires for France.