

**Deutsches Generalkonsulat
für Kanada.**

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Inhalt: Stellungnahme der Kanadischen Regierung zur Bewaehrung und Handhabung des deutsch-kanadischen Zahlungsabkommens im ersten Halbjahr seit Inkrafttreten.

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Zu der mit Schreiben des Generalkonsulats vom 7. Juli d.J. ueberreichten NACHWEISUNG DER VOM 15. NOVEMBER 1936 BIS ZUM 14. MAI 1937 FUER DIE WARENEINFUHR AUS KANADA NACH DEUTSCHLAND ERTEILTEN DEVISENBESCHEINIGUNGEN hat die Kanadische Regierung nunmehr durch Schreiben vom 5. Oktober d.J. Stellung genommen, von dem eine Abschrift anliegend zur ge-
/ faelligen Kenntnisaahme beigefuegt wird.

Die Stellungnahme erfolgt auf Grund von Artikel IX des Zahlungsabkommens und enthaelt demgemaess Wuensche und Vorschlaege fuer seine kuenftige Anwendung.

Die kanadische Seite beschwert sich darueber, dass Deutschland bei der Zuteilung von Devisen fuer die in der Liste zum Zahlungsabkommen aufgefuehrten Waren die dortselbst festgesetzten Prozentsaetze und Hoechstziffern nicht eingehalten, in einigen Faellen sogar erheblich ueberschritten habe, ohne vorher die Zustimmung der kanadischen Stellen einzuholen (Absatz 2 des Schreibens). Diese Tatsache wird im Hinblick auf die Anlaufschwierigkeiten des Abkommens als verstaendlich bezeichnet, zugleich aber die bestimmte Erwartung

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dass die obigen Zuteilungsbestimmungen waehrend des nun laufenden Halbjahrs von den deutschen Stellen genau beobachtet werden, sodass am 15. November 1937, dem ersten Jahrestage des Abkommens, die Zusammenfassung der insgesamt erteilten Devisenbescheinigungen eine genaue Uebereinstimmung mit den Prozentsaetzen der Liste zum Zahlungsabkommen ergeben muesse (Absatz 3 des Schreibens). In Absatz 4 des Schreibens werden vier Einzelfragen vorgebracht, welche eine Klarstellung in der NACHWEISUNG (Zif. 1), die Beruecksichtigung des Saisonwechsels im Handel (Zif. 2), die Anerkennung des kanadischen Ursprungs von nach Deutschland eingefuehrten Waren (Zif. 3) und die prompte Unterrichtung des kanadischen Handelskommissars in Hamburg (Zif. 4) betreffen. Im Schlussabsatz aeussert die Kanadische Regierung den Wunsch, dass ihr Handelskommissar in Hamburg moeglichst vollstaendig ueber den gegenwaertigen Stand der fuer die kanadischen Produkte zur Verfuegung stehenden Devisenkontingente unterrichtet werde, und zwar so rechtzeitig, dass zum Jahrestag des Abkommens (15. November 1937) alle laufenden Transaktionen abgeschlossen und alle schwebenden Fragen geloest werden koennten.

Ich darf bitten, mich gegebenenfalls mit einer Rueckaeusserung zu der kanadischen Stellungnahme und moeglichst bald nach dem 15. November d.J. mit einer das zweite Halbjahr (15. Mai bis 14. November 1937) umfassenden NACHWEISUNG der Devisenbescheinigungen versehen zu wollen.

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Ottawa, 5th October, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 7th, transmitting a statement of the foreign exchange certificates granted for imports into Germany from Canada during the period November 15, 1936, to May 14, 1937. Opportunity has since been taken to examine the Canadian export returns for the period under review and to compare the export figures with those relating to the issue of exchange certificates.

It is observed that, of the aggregate value of certificates issued, 69.9 p.c. related to payments for scheduled products, substantially exceeding the percentage of available exchange reserved for such products under the terms of the Payments Agreement. As regards the issue of certificates for individual products, the statement indicates a varying degree of correspondence with the provisions embodied in the Schedule to the Agreement. With respect to certain products, exchange was granted in excess of the specified percentage; in other instances, close conformity was reached, and, with reference to a third group, certificates were withheld or were issued only to an extent distinctly below the requirements of the Agreement.

In reviewing the operation of the Payments Agreement for this period, the Government of Canada recognizes that allowance should be made for special circumstances affecting the working of the Agreement in its earlier stages; e.g. unavoidable delays in the renewal of commercial connections that had been broken or interrupted. It is understandable that during the initial six-months' period the issue of exchange certificates should fail to exhibit conformity with the provisions of the Agreement. The second such period should provide opportunity for the correction of discrepancies and the

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Government of Canada expresses its confidence that, on the completion of the first full year's operation of the Agreement, the records of exchange certificates issued will represent close adherence to the percentages specified in the Schedule - except with respect to products of which supplies from Canada have not been readily obtainable, and for which transfers of exchange have been effected under mutual approval.

Attention may be drawn to a number of specific questions:

- (1) It is not clear that the statement of exchange certificates issued excludes certificates which, through cancellation or expiry, may not have been put to actual use in payment of goods imported into Germany from Canada. If such certificates have not been or cannot be entirely excluded, it is suggested that this factor be dealt with, for each six months' statement by a note of correction accompanying the statement for the next succeeding period.
- (2) The seasonal nature of the trade in the export of certain products from Canada will continue to require special recognition. The Government of Canada appreciates the steps taken by the German Government, during the period November, 1936, to May, 1937, to furnish exchange in advance of accrual for such products as fresh apples and frozen eels.
- (3) Canada's official export returns fail to disclose shipments of seeds to Germany during the period under review, corresponding to those for which exchange certificates were issued. A question arises as to whether, at the conclusion of the year, it may not be desirable to institute a system of supervision designed to safeguard more fully the origin of shipments qualifying for payment under the agreement. It may be added that seeds constitute one of the several items for which exchange certificates were issued to a value in excess
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of the specified percentage. The Government of Canada regards it as important that excess exchange granted for certain scheduled products in any year shall be considered as compensating for deficiencies in respect to other scheduled products only in so far as transfers of funds from one exchange quota to another have been specifically approved by both Governments.

- (4) The experience gained since the Agreement became effective, suggests that its efficient operation may require closer administrative co-operation than has yet been worked out. The assistance furnished by the German Government to the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Hamburg has been most helpful, but it is felt that the position of the Government of Canada, in regard to keeping Canadian exporters adequately informed, would be strengthened were the information required for that purpose placed in the hands of the Canadian Trade Commissioner at regular intervals, preferably monthly, and in more complete form. Specific proposals having this object in view may await the conclusion of the present year's operation.

In the meantime, as the close of the year approaches the Government of Canada desires especially to be kept as fully informed as possible, through the Trade Commissioner at Hamburg, in regard to the standing of the exchange quotas for the different scheduled products, in order that the necessary steps may be taken, in co-operation with the German authorities, toward clearing up all questions attendant upon the termination of the first year's operation of the Agreement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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