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HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE No. 96 OF 1915.

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THE following Customs Agreement between His Excellency the High Commissioner, on behalf of the territories of Basutoland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate, and Swaziland, and the Administrators of Southern and Northern Rhodesia is hereby published for general information.

By command of His Excellency the  
High Commissioner.

C. H. RODWELL,  
Imperial Secretary

High Commissioner's Office,  
Capetown, 20th November, 1915.

## CUSTOMS AGREEMENT.

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BASUTOLAND, THE BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE, SWAZILAND,  
SOUTHERN RHODESIA, AND NORTHERN RHODESIA.  
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His Excellency the High Commissioner for South Africa, on behalf of the territories of Basutoland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate, and Swaziland (herein after referred to as "the territories"), and His Honour the Administrator of Southern Rhodesia and His Honour the Administrator of Northern Rhodesia (herein after referred to as "the Administrations"), recognizing that it is desirable that trade between their respective countries should be as free and uninterrupted as possible and that each Territory and Administration is entitled to the Customs duties collected on goods imported into it through the country of any other Territory or Administration have agreed upon the following articles:—

### ARTICLE I.

The Customs Agreement which came into force in July, 1910, with the Protocols thereto, shall, as from the 1st day of January, 1915, be superseded by this present agreement.

### ARTICLE II.

The Customs Tariff of the Union of South Africa (herein after referred to as "the Union") shall be maintained between the contracting parties until altered by legislation enacted by the Territories or the Administrations subject to its being permitted to the Administrations to grant upon all goods and articles the growth, produce, and manufacture of any part of His Majesty's Dominions or of any British Protectorate, a rebate of the Customs duties payable under the Union tariff aforesaid equal in amount to the difference between the said duties payable as aforesaid and the highest duties which it is permissible to the Administrations to impose under the Southern Rhodesia (Customs) Amendment Order-in-Council, 1914, and the Northern Rhodesia (Customs) Amendment Order-in-Council, 1914, and subject further to its being permitted to the Administrations to suspend the duties on the articles mentioned in the Schedule hereto to an extent not

Notice exceeding that shown thereon, and to prohibit the importation of the articles mentioned in items 11 (b), 13, 29, and 32  
No. 96 (b) of the Union tariff.  
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#### ARTICLE III.

There shall be a free interchange of the products and manufactures of the countries of each of the contracting parties with the exception of spirits, ale, and beer, matches and cigarettes, the duties of the Customs and Excise on which shall be subject to the following provisions:—

- (a) In the case of spirits distilled in the country of any of the Territories, the Customs duty leviable upon importation into the country of either of the Administrations shall not exceed 12s. per imperial gallon, not exceeding the strength of proof, and so on in proportion for any greater strength.

NOTE.—No allowance to be made by the Administrations for under-proof in the case of oversea spirits.

- (b) In the event of spirits being distilled in the country of either of the Administrations, the Customs duty leviable upon importation of such spirits into the country of any of the Territories shall be such as may be payable according to the tariff in force in the Territories.
- (c) In the case of ale and beer, matches and cigarettes, manufactured in the country of any of the Territories and removed to the country of either of the Administrations, the amount of Excise leviable in the Territory concerned shall be paid to the Administration concerned upon such removal, and similarly credit shall be passed to the Territories for the like rates upon removal of ale and beer, matches and cigarettes, manufactured in the country of either Administration to the country of any of the Territories.

#### ARTICLE IV.

(1) Each of the Administrations shall levy and recover and be responsible for levying and recovering the amount of duty suspended on any of the articles shown in the Schedule imported into the country of such Administration upon the removal therefrom of such articles for consumption in any of the Territories.

(2) In respect of goods which are removed from the country of either of the Administrations direct to the country of any of the Territories, the Administration concerned shall be responsible that all such goods are accompanied by the proper Customs forms as provided by regulation.

ARTICLE V.

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Each of the parties to this agreement shall, notwithstanding anything contained herein, be entitled to levy on any article produced or manufactured in its country (whether made from ingredients grown or produced in or imported into such country or from a mixture of any such ingredients) a duty of Excise, and each of the parties to this agreement so imposing an Excise duty shall be entitled to levy upon the like articles produced or manufactured in the country of any of the other parties a Customs duty or surtax not exceeding such Excise duty on importation and entry for consumption of such like articles within its country. The right of any of the Territories to impose any Excise duty under this agreement on any article on which an Excise duty is imposed in the Union shall not be questioned on the ground that such article is not in fact produced or manufactured in the country of the Territory concerned.

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ARTICLE VI.

The provisions of this agreement shall take effect from the 1st January, 1915, and shall continue in force until the 31st December, 1916, and thereafter for periods of twelve months, provided that any party to this agreement may give notice before the 31st December in any year subsequent to the year 1915 of its intention to retire therefrom as from the 30th June following such notice, and provided further that, should the Territories at any time amend the Customs tariff or take any steps in conflict with the spirit and intent of this agreement, the Administrations shall be at liberty to retire therefrom forthwith, and similarly should the Administrations amend the Customs tariff or take any steps in conflict with the spirit and intent of this agreement, the Territories shall be at liberty to retire therefrom forthwith.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Pretoria this Fourteenth day of August One thousand Nine hundred and Fifteen.

BUXTON,  
High Commissioner.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Salisbury this Twenty-sixth day of October One thousand Nine hundred and Fifteen.

F. D. P. CHAPLIN,  
Administrator.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Livingstone this Third day of November One thousand Nine hundred and Fifteen.

L. A. WALLACE,  
Administrator.

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SCHEDULE.

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<i>Extent of Suspension.</i>	<i>Tariff Item.</i>	<i>Description.</i>
100%	3	Animals.
50%	5	Blasting compounds.
50%	8	Candles.
50%	19A II	Wheat, ground or otherwise prepared.
100%	19A III	Bran, wheaten.
100%	24	Fodder.
50%	25	Fruits, preserved and dried (not including dates).
100%	31	Meats, fresh, frozen, and chilled.
100%	35	Oils: mineral, paraffin.
100%	41	Potatoes.
50%	42	Soap, all kinds.
50%	45 (b)	Sugar (other).
100%	45 Note.	Surtax on bounty-fed sugar.
50%	46	Tea.
50%	54	Vehicles, carts, and carriages.