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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 Netherlands

concerning Customs Privileges accorded  
to Consular Officers and  
certain Clerks

The Hague, 19 October 1953

[The arrangement entered into force on 15 December 1953]

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
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**BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**  
**OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE**  
**GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS CONCERNING**  
**CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES ACCORDED TO CONSULAR**  
**OFFICERS AND CERTAIN CLERKS**

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at The Hague to the  
Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs*

*British Embassy,  
The Hague.*

Your Excellency,

*October 19, 1953.*

On the instructions of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, I have the honour to address the following communication to Your Excellency.

Subject to an assurance of reciprocity Her Majesty's Government are prepared to accord the customs privileges at present enjoyed by the diplomatic staff of the Netherlands Embassy in London to any Consuls-General, Consuls and Vice-Consuls (not being honorary consular officers) of the Netherlands in the United Kingdom, to clerks employed in the Netherlands Embassy in London, and to clerks employed on the staffs of the consular officers in question, provided, however, that only those persons shall be entitled to benefit who are not citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies, who are not engaged in private occupation for gain in the United Kingdom and who are permanent employees of their Government, or, if not permanent employees thereof, were not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom at the time of their appointment to such diplomatic or consular post, and provided also that their appointments shall have been duly notified to Her Majesty's Government through the diplomatic channel with a view to the necessary steps being taken to ensure for them the special treatment which this arrangement contemplates.

I have the honour to suggest that if an arrangement in this sense is acceptable to the Netherlands Government, this Note and Your Excellency's reply thereto in similar terms shall be regarded as placing on record the understanding reached between the two Governments concerning this matter, and that the arrangement shall come into force on the date<sup>(1)</sup> on which the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall notify Her Majesty's Government that the required constitutional approval has been obtained.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

NEVILLE BUTLER

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<sup>(1)</sup> The arrangement came into force on 15 December, 1953, and was registered with the United Nations by the Netherlands Government on 22 July, 1958, under No. 4435.

*The Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs without Portfolio to Her Majesty's Ambassador at The Hague*

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
The Hague.*

*19 October, 1953.*

Sir,

In receipt of Your Excellency's note of today's date we have the honour to inform you of the following:

On a basis of reciprocity the Netherlands Government are prepared to accord the customs privileges at present enjoyed by the diplomatic staff of the British Embassy at The Hague to any Consuls-General, Consuls and Vice-Consuls (not being honorary consular officers) of the United Kingdom in the Netherlands, to clerks employed in the British Embassy at The Hague, and to clerks employed on the staffs of the consular officers in question, provided, however, that only those persons shall be entitled to benefit who are not Netherlands subjects, who are not engaged in private occupation for gain in the Netherlands and who are permanent employees of their Government, or, if not permanent employees thereof, were not ordinarily resident in the Netherlands at the time of their appointment to such diplomatic or consular post, and provided also that their appointments shall have been duly notified to the Netherlands Government through the diplomatic channel with a view to the necessary steps being taken to ensure for them the special treatment which this arrangement contemplates.

We agree to the suggestion that Your Excellency's note and this reply shall be regarded as placing on record the understanding reached between the two Governments concerning the matter, and that the arrangement shall come into force on the date<sup>(1)</sup> on which the Netherlands Government shall notify Her Britannic Majesty's Government that the required constitutional approval has been obtained.

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

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