

RECIPROCAL TRADE

*Exchange of notes at Port-au-Prince February 16 and 19, 1942, modifying agreement of March 28, 1935
Entered into force February 19, 1942
Terminated March 24, 1944*¹

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The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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PORT-AU-PRINCE, *February 16, 1942*

MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to refer to the trade agreement signed on March 28, 1935 between Haiti and the United States,² and particularly to the provisions thereof setting forth the principle of unconditional most-favored-nation treatment as the basis of commercial relations between our two countries.

The Haitian Government adheres firmly to the principle of promoting the multilateral development of international trade on the unconditional most-favored-nation basis. However, as the Government of the United States is aware, there are special and unusual conditions affecting trade between Haiti and the Dominican Republic which arise out of their exceptional geographic situation. With a view to fostering closer economic relations between these two contiguous countries, a Treaty of Commerce between Haiti and the Dominican Republic was signed on August 26, 1941. This treaty provides, among other things, for reductions in Haitian customs duties on a specified list of products imported from the Dominican Republic, which reductions are intended to be applicable exclusively to the latter country.

In this connection I have the honor to refer to the contractual formula for tariff preferences to contiguous countries recommended by the Inter-American Financial and Economic Advisory Committee.

¹ By exchanges of notes at Port-au-Prince Feb. 15 and 19 and Sept. 9 and 16, 1944, the Governments of the United States and Haiti confirmed their understanding that the agreement of Feb. 16 and 19, 1942, terminated upon expiration of the commercial treaty of Aug. 26, 1941, between Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

² EAS 78, *ante*, p. 714.