

TONNAGE DUES AND OTHER CHARGES

Exchange of notes at Washington December 21, 1925

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The Secretary of State to the Finnish Minister

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, *December 21, 1925*

SIR:

I have the honor to make the following statement of my understanding of the agreement reached through recent conversations held at Washington on behalf of the Government of the United States and the Government of Finland with reference to the treatment respecting tonnage dues and other charges which the United States shall accord to the vessels of Finland and their cargoes in the ports of the United States, and which Finland shall accord to vessels of the United States and their cargoes in the ports of Finland.

These conversations have disclosed a mutual understanding between the two Governments, as follows:

On and after February 1, 1926, Finland will impose no tonnage duties, light, harbor or port dues, or other charges on vessels of the United States in the ports of Finland which are not imposed on vessels of Finland, and Finland will levy no higher or other duties or charges on goods imported into its ports in vessels of the United States than are levied on like goods imported in vessels of Finland.

It is understood that, without altering the above stipulations insofar as the amount of pilotage dues is concerned, the duty of employing pilots by vessels of the United States shall be governed by the stipulations of the Finnish law in this respect about foreign vessels in general. It is also understood that the United States of America shall not, on the ground of the above stipulations, claim any privileges which Finland has conceded or will concede to Russian fishing or sealing vessels in the Arctic waters.

¹ TS 868, *post*, p. 718.