

RETURN OF CHARTERED VESSELS

Exchange of notes at Rio de Janeiro April 14, 1944

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 1955

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 14, 1944

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to give below the terms under which my Government proposes to return to Brazil the Brazilian flag vessels chartered to the United States of America by virtue of the agreement which your Excellency and I signed on September 30, 1942:²

1. The War Shipping Administration is agreeable to the return of the chartered vessels for use in the Brazilian Coastwise Trade in order to reenforce shipping effort as between the United States and Brazil.

2. Brazil in the operation of her coastwise services will give to American military cargoes and those of Rubber Development Corporation and other United States Government Agencies the same preferential treatment given Brazilian Government cargoes of similar nature.

3. Brazil will exert the maximum effort within the availability of coastal services and warehouse facilities to transport from secondary ports to the main ports of Santos, Rio de Janeiro, Victoria, Bahia, Pernambuco and Pará cargoes destined for export to the United States.

4. Brazil will continue to maintain in the United States-Brazil Services twenty-one of her ships assuming thereby responsibility for the movement of not less than twenty-five thousand tons monthly each northbound and southbound. These vessels are to be named by the Brazilian Government in accordance with the United States Government. Replacement in said Services of any of such vessels lost or withdrawn shall be subject to the approval of both Governments and the replacement or insurance privileges hereinafter stated shall not be granted until such approval is obtained. Brazil may withdraw any vessel temporarily from the terms of this agreement for the purpose of allocating it to a service other than operation between the United States and Brazil, but only with prior concurrence of the United States and in

¹ Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States Sept. 25, 1946.

² *Ante*, p. 936.