

## RELIEF ASSISTANCE

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### *The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs*

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Royal Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and, under reference to Article VI Paragraph 2 and Article IV Paragraph 5 of the Economic Cooperation Agreement between the United States of America and the Netherlands,<sup>1</sup> has the honor to propose an agreement between the two Governments in the following terms:

I. The Government of the Netherlands shall accord duty-free treatment on entry into the Netherlands of:

(a) Supplies of relief goods or standard packs donated to or purchased by United States voluntary non-profit relief agencies qualified under the Economic Cooperation Administration (hereafter referred to as ECA) regulations and consigned to charitable organizations including Netherlands branches of these agencies which have been or hereafter shall be approved by the Government of the Netherlands.

(b) Relief packages originating in the United States sent by parcel post or commercial channels, addressed to an individual residing in the Netherlands, whether packed privately or by order placed with a commercial firm.

(c) Standard packs put up by United States voluntary non-profit relief agencies or their approved agents, qualified under ECA regulations, to the order of individuals in the United States and sent for delivery to individuals residing in the Netherlands.

II. The Netherlands Government will retain all rights of inspection and customs formalities in connection with such packages and shipments, including the levy of duty on packages and shipments which do not comply with ECA regulations and to provisions of this Agreement.

<sup>1</sup> TIAS 1791, *ante*, p. 240.