

EXPORTATION OF EMBARGOED GOODS

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The Russian Ambassador to the Secretary of State

RUSSIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON
August 10, 1917

SIR:

I have the honor to submit the following for your consideration:

It would seem desirable to the Provisional Russian Government that certain of the arrangements which are in force between the Government of the United States and my Government should be modified and revised, as a consequence of the Government of the United States having joined the Allies in the war; particularly the Proctol of Agreement between the United States and Russia concerning the exportation of embargoed goods now in Russia to the United States, executed at Washington, September 23, 1915,¹ should be cancelled in view of the fact that the Government of the United States has taken under its control all exportations to Neutral Countries, thereby preventing the importation of these goods by the enemies of the Allied Governments.

Expressing by the present the desire of the Russian Government to cancel this agreement, I have the honor to inform you that the following rules and regulations of my Government, concerning the same matter, are supposed to be maintained in force.

1) The Russian Government requires a deposit in dollars to be made at the National City Bank of New York, for the value of the commodity to be exported from Russia. Consequently, regulations contained in the circular (copy of which I attach)² issued by the Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce under date of August 23, 1916, should remain in effect.

¹ TS 618, *ante*, p. 1242.

² Not printed here.