

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON TARIFFS AND QUANTITATIVE EXPORT  
RESTRICTIONS 1988

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27 October 1988

Mr J R Jenner  
Minister (Commercial)  
New Zealand High Commission  
Commonwealth Ave  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Jenner

I refer to the Protocol to the Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations - Trade Agreement on Acceleration of Free Trade in Goods ("the Protocol") signed on 18 August, 1988 at Canberra.

Article 1, paragraph 3 and Article 2, paragraph 3 of the Protocol together provide that the Member States may mutually determine that the tariffs, quantitative import restrictions and tariff quotas on particular goods originating in the territory of the other Member State are to be eliminated by a date earlier than 1 July 1990.

I propose therefore that the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand, having decided in the context of their respective global liberalization programmes to eliminate tariffs and quantitative import restrictions on certain goods originating in the Area earlier than 1 July 1990, mutually determine in accordance with the procedures set out in the exchange of letters of 7 and 15 December 1983 that the following arrangements will apply:

- (a) New Zealand will eliminate quantitative import restrictions on imports of sugar and sugar products originating in Australia by 1 September 1988;
- (b) New Zealand will eliminate quantitative import restrictions on imports of tyres originating in Australia by 1 April 1989;
- (c) New Zealand will eliminate tariffs on imports of tyres originating in Australia and quantitative import restrictions on imports of canned fruit, gloves, glassware and starch and starch products originating in Australia by 1 July 1989;
- (d) Australia will eliminate quantitative import restrictions on imports of sugar and sugar products originating in New Zealand by 1 July 1989;

(e) New Zealand will eliminate quantitative import restrictions on imports of vegetable oils and margarine originating in Australia by 1 January 1990.

If this is acceptable to your Government, I propose that this letter and your reply to that effect should constitute an understanding between our two Governments and that the arrangements set out above should apply with effect from the date of your letter.

Yours sincerely

[signed]

(M A Cobban)  
Assistance Secretary  
New Zealand and Papua New Guinea Branch

21 November 1988

Mr M A Cobban  
Assistance Secretary  
New Zealand and Papua New Guinea Branch  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Administration Building  
PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Mr Cobban

I refer to your letter of 27 October 1988 which reads as follows:

[Here follows the text as set out at I]

I wish to confirm that the foregoing represents the understanding between our two Governments and that this understanding will take effect from today's date.

Yours sincerely

[signed]

(J R Jenner)  
Minister (Commercial)