

INTERIM TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND SWITZERLAND.

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Note: The Agreement entered into force, October 26, 1946.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in I DFA TS No. 1, p. 92.

LEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

Washington 8, D.C.

The Minister of Switzerland presents his compliments to the Honorable the Acting Secretary of State and has the honor to inform him that the Swiss Government is prepared in principle to negotiate a new trade agreement after the 4th of July with the Philippine Republic, and that in the meantime Switzerland will continue to apply the agreements and regulations which governed the commerce between the two countries prior to the Philippine Declaration of Independence. The Minister would much appreciate if this intention would be communicated to the appropriate authorities in the Philippines.

Washington D.C, July 2, 1946.

MEMORANDUM

The Department of State transmits herewith copies of a note of July 2, 1946 from the Minister of Switzerland indicating that "the Swiss Government is prepared in principle to negotiate a new- trade agreement after the fourth of July with the Philippine Republic, and that in the meantime Switzerland will continue to apply the agreements and regulations which governed the commerce between the two countries prior to the Philippine Declaration of Independence."

The Department of State would be glad to arrange for the transmission of any reply which the Republic of the Philippines may wish to send to the Swiss Government.

Enclosures:

Note from the Minister of Switzerland — July 2, 1946

Department of State, Washington, July 4, 1946.

MANILA, September 28, 1946

SIR:

Reference is made to that Embassy's dispatch, File No. 000.3 of July 16, 1946, transmitting a memorandum from the Department of State of the United States, dated July 4, 1946, to which was attached a note from the Minister of Switzerland at Washington, dated July 2, 1946, with the information that the Swiss Government is prepared in principle to negotiate a new trade agreement with this Republic and that, in the meantime, Switzerland will continue to apply the agreements and regulations which govern the commerce between the two countries prior to the declaration of independence of the Philippines.

You will please inform the Swiss Minister that this Government is prepared to enter into a new trade agreement with his Government and that, pending its conclusion, the Republic will continue to apply the same agreements and regulations governing the commercial relations between the two countries prior to July 4,

1946.

Yours very truly,

ELPIDIO QUIRINO

Vice-President and concurrently

Secretary of Foreign Affairs

The Honorable JOAQUIN M. ELIZALDE

Philippine Ambassador

Washington, D.C.

The Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Republic of the Philippines presents his compliments to His Excellency the Minister of Switzerland and has the honor to refer to his note of July 2, 1946, and to convey to him the message from the Honorable the Vice-President and concurrently Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, dated at Manila, September 28, 1946, that the Philippine Government is prepared to enter into a new trade agreement with the Government of Switzerland and that, pending its conclusion, the Philippine Republic will continue to apply the same agreements and regulations governing the commercial relations between the two countries prior to July 4, 1946.

Philippine Embassy,

Washington, D.C., October 28, 1946.

LEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

Washington 8, D.C.

The Minister of Switzerland presents his compliments to the Charge d'Affaires of the Republic of the Philippines and begs to acknowledge receipt of the message from His Excellency the Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines, dated at Manila, September 28, 1946, that "the Philippine Government is prepared to enter into a new trade agreement with the Government of Switzerland and that, pending its conclusion, the Philippine Republic will continue to apply the same agreements and regulations governing the commercial relations between the two countries prior to July 4, 1946" transmitted by the Philippine Embassy's note of October 28, 1946.

November 5, 1946.

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