

March 6th, 1957.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Trade Arrangement concluded between New Zealand and Switzerland by an Exchange of Letters of 5 May 1938, and to subsequent Exchanges of Letters, interpreting or amending that Arrangement, dated 20 May 1938, 9 October 1952, 3 June 1955, 21 December 1955, and 6 March 1957. The Government of Switzerland is desirous of raising with the New Zealand Government the question of the application to the Principality of Liechtenstein of the Trade Arrangement and its amendments.

The New Zealand Government may be aware that, by a treaty concluded on 29 March 1923, and in force from 1 January 1924, the Principality of Liechtenstein was incorporated in the Swiss customs territory. While that treaty is in force, the Principality of Liechtenstein cannot negotiate on its own behalf any commercial or customs convention with a third State, and it is the function of the Government of Switzerland to conclude such conventions on behalf of the Principality.

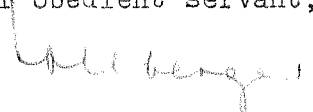
In view of the special position of the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Government of Switzerland would be grateful to learn if the Government of New Zealand would agree to regarding the Arrangement, together with all amendments which are at present in force or which may hereafter come into force, as applying to the Principality of Liechtenstein for so long as there is in force between the Government of Switzerland and the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein a treaty incorporating the Principality in the Swiss customs territory.

In the event of this proposal proving acceptable to the Government of New Zealand, it is suggested that this letter and your reply thereto conveying an acceptance on the part of your Government be regarded as constituting an agreement to extend the application of the Arrangement accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(W. Sollberger)

Vice-Consul

The Secretary of External Affairs,
WELLINGTON.

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P.M. 58/48/3

6 March 1957

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 6 March 1957, reading as follows:

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*Exchange agreed
w/ Mr. McIntosh's office,
6.3.57 at 4 p.m.
B.C.M.*

W.A. Seilberger, Esq.,
Vice-Consul of Switzerland,
WELLINGTON

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The Government of New Zealand is pleased to accede to the proposal of the Government of Switzerland.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary of External Affairs