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between

The Union of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia

ADDENDUM

Referring to Article 23 (c) of the Agreement between the Governments of the Union of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia directed to the re-establishment of a Customs Union, the letter addressed by the Rhodesia Railways Ltd. to the South African Railways Administration, reads as follows:

" THE RHODESIA RAILWAYS, LIMITED

G.M.R. 147/1.
The General Manager,
South African Railways,
Johannesburg.

7th February, 1948.

Dear Sir,

CUSTOMS UNION (INTERIM) AGREEMENT: RAILWAY RATES.

In accordance with the terms of Article 23 of the Customs Union (Interim) Agreement between the Governments of the Union of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia, I set out hereunder the modifications to the existing rating arrangements in respect of through traffic between our respective Administrations agreed upon during the discussions between representatives of the Rhodesia Railways Limited and the South African Railways' Administration held in Pretoria between the 24th November and 6th December, 1947:-

- (a) The South African Railways' Administration agrees to accord to products and manufactures of Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and the Bechuanaland Protectorate forwarded direct from the factory, the benefit of distribution rates from Mafeking, as the point of division between the rates of the two Administrations, compiled on the usual basis and in the classes to which distribution rates normally apply. This arrangement will not, of course, apply to traffic from places north of Ramathlabama to places between Mafeking and Vryburg (inclusive) on which the throughout Rhodesia Railways' rates are at present charged.
- (b) The Administration of the Rhodesia Railways Limited agrees that in respect of the following entries in the goods classification such action will be taken as will secure parity in rating as between Union goods forwarded to Rhodesia or beyond and Rhodesian goods or goods in transit over the Rhodesia Railways forwarded to the Union:
- (i) Fruit, fresh, consigned to factories in the Union. minimum 1 ton, at Tariff 12 less 15%, maximum rate 360d. per ton,
 - (ii) Glycerine, crude, in bulk, consigned southwards to Mafeking or beyond for distances of 500 miles and over at 1½d. per ton per mile.
 - (iii) Timber, Native (planed, grooved or tongued), including ceiling and flooring boards, consigned southwards to Mafeking or beyond for distances of 500 miles and over at 1½d. per ton per mile.

- (iv) Orange juice, concentrated, in bulk, consigned southwards to Mafeking or beyond at Tariff No.11.
 - (v) Lemon juice, in bulk, consigned southwards to Mafeking or beyond at Tariff No.11.
 - (vi) Dripping, in bulk, consigned southwards to Mafeking or beyond, minimum 15 tons, at Tariff No.11.
 - (vii) Oilcake, for cattle feeding, minimum 15 tons, consigned southwards to Mafeking or beyond at Tariff 13, subject to a maximum rate of 420d. per ton.
 - (viii) Joiners' work, i.e., windows, window frames, skirtings, mouldings, E.O.H.P., etc., constructed from native timber, consigned southwards to Mafeking or beyond at 1½d. per ton per mile, minimum 750d. per ton.
 - (ix) Meat and/or vegetable products, edible, in tins, consigned ex West Nicholson for distances of 600 miles and over at the maximum rates of 1½d. per ton per mile, and 45d. per 100 lbs.
 - (x) Shooks, consigned southwards to Mafeking or beyond in full truckloads at Tariff 13 plus 10%, maximum rate 460d. per ton.
- (c) The Administrations of the South African Railways and the Rhodesia Railways Limited agree that neither will introduce export rates to the territory of the other without prior consultation with the other.

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I shall be glad if you will kindly confirm that the foregoing correctly sets out the Agreement between our two Administrations.

Yours faithfully,
A.F. GRIFFIN,
General Manager. "

The reply addressed by the South African Railways Administration to the Rhodesia Railways Ltd., on 9th March 1948 confirms the arrangements set out in the letter quoted above.