

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON RULES OF ORIGIN (1992)

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6 October 1992

The Hon John Kerin MP
Minister for Trade and Overseas Development
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I refer to discussions between representatives of our two Governments on Article 3 of the Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations - Trade Agreement (CER), undertaken as part of the 1992 Review of CER.

Both Australia and New Zealand have industry policies which encourage manufacturers to improve their international competitiveness. Against this background, our discussions recognised that rules of origin should continue to facilitate trans-Tasman trade in goods manufactured in the Free Trade Area and should be applied uniformly by both countries. As a result, we have concluded that there are a number of ways in which the administration of the rules of origin could be modified and clarified. These are set out in the attachment to this letter.

If this is acceptable to your Government I wish to propose that this letter and attachment together with your reply should constitute a joint understanding between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Australia. The understanding will take effect when the two Governments have notified each other by an exchange of notes that they have completed their domestic requirements for the implementation of this understanding.

Yours sincerely

[signed]

Philip Burdon

II

6 October 1992

The Hon Philip Burdon MP
Minister for Trade Negotiations
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

I refer to your letter of 6 October 1992 which reads as follows:

[Here follows the text as set out at I]

I wish to confirm that the foregoing represents a joint understanding between the two Governments. The understanding will take effect when the two Governments have notified each other by an exchange of notes that they have completed their domestic requirements for the implementation of this understanding.

Yours sincerely

[signed]

John Kerin