

July 25, 1928.

Treaty between the United States and China regulating tariff relations. Signed at Peiping, July 25, 1928; ratification advised by the Senate, February 11, 1929; ratified by the President, February 13, 1929; ratified by China, November 30, 1928; ratifications exchanged at Washington, February 20, 1929; proclaimed, February 23, 1929.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Tariff relations with
China.
Preamble.

WHEREAS a Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of China to regulate tariff relations was concluded and signed by their respective Plenipotentiaries at Peiping on the twenty-fifth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, the original of which Treaty, being in the English and Chinese languages, is word for word as follows:

TREATY REGULATING TARIFF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

Contracting Powers.

The United States of America and the Republic of China, both being animated by an earnest desire to maintain the good relations which happily subsist between the two countries, and wishing to extend and consolidate the commercial intercourse between them, have, for the purpose of negotiating a treaty designed to facilitate these objects, named as their Plenipotentiaries:—

Plenipotentiaries.

The President of the United States of America:

J. V. A. MacMurray, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to China;

and the Government Council of the Nationalist Government of the Republic of China:

T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance of the Nationalist Government of the Republic of China;

who, having met and duly exchanged their full powers, which have been found to be in proper form, have agreed upon the following treaty between the two countries:

ARTICLE I.

Former treaty provisions as to duties, etc., in China annulled, and tariff autonomy effective.

All provisions which appear in treaties hitherto concluded and in force between the United States of America and China relating to rates of duty on imports and exports of merchandise, drawbacks, transit dues and tonnage dues in China shall be annulled and become inoperative, and the principle of complete national tariff autonomy shall apply subject, however, to the condition that each of the High Contracting Parties shall enjoy in the territories of the other with respect to the above specified and any related matters treatment in no way discriminatory as compared with the treatment accorded to any other country.

Equality of taxes, etc., on imports and exports.

The nationals of neither of the High Contracting Parties shall be compelled under any pretext whatever to pay within the territories of the other Party any duties, internal charges or taxes upon their importations and exportations other or higher than those paid by nationals of the country or by nationals of any other country.

The above provisions shall become effective on January 1, 1929, provided that the exchange of ratifications hereinafter provided shall have taken place by that date; otherwise, at a date four months subsequent to such exchange of ratifications.

Effective date.

ARTICLE II.

The English and Chinese texts of this Treaty have been carefully compared and verified; but, in the event of there being a difference of meaning between the two, the sense as expressed in the English text shall be held to prevail.

English text to prevail.

This treaty shall be ratified by the High Contracting Parties in accordance with their respective constitutional methods, and the ratifications shall be exchanged in Washington as soon as possible.

Ratification.

In testimony whereof, we, the undersigned, by virtue of our respective powers have signed this Treaty in duplicate in the English and Chinese languages and have affixed our respective seals.

Signatures.

Done at Peiping, the 25th day of July, 1928, corresponding to the 25th day of the 7th month of the 17th year of the Republic of China.

[SEAL] J. V. A. MACMURRAY
[SEAL] TSE VEN SOONG

[Chinese text not printed]

AND WHEREAS the said Treaty has been duly ratified on both parts, and the ratifications of the two Governments were exchanged in the city of Washington on the twentieth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine;

Ratifications exchanged.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America, have caused the said Treaty to be made public, to the end that the same and every article and clause thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the United States and the citizens thereof.

Proclamation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and [SEAL] twenty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-third.

CALVIN COOLIDGE

By the President:
FRANK B KELLOGG
Secretary of State.