REDUCTION OF IMPORT DUTIES

Convention signed at Yedo January 28, 1864
Entered into force at Kanagawa February 8, 1864, and at Nagasaki and Hakodate March 9, 1864
Senate advice and consent to ratification February 21, 1866
Ratified by the President of the United States April 9, 1866
Proclaimed by the President of the United States April 9, 1866
Superseded July 1, 1866, by convention of June 25, 1866

14 Stat. 655; Treaty Series 186

CONVENTION

For the purpose of encouraging and facilitating the Commerce of the Citizens of the United States in Japan and after due deliberation His Excellency Robert H. Pruyn, Minister Resident of the United States in Japan, and His Excellency Shibata Sadataro, Governor for Foreign Affairs, both having full powers from their respective Governments, have agreed on the following Articles, viz:

ARTICLE ONE

The following articles, used in the preparation and packing of tea, shall be free of duty:

- Sheet lead
- Soder
- Matting
- Rattan
- Oil for painting
- Indigo
- Gypsum
- Firing pans and baskets

ARTICLE TWO

The following articles shall be admitted at the reduced duty of five percent:

- Machines and machinery
- Drugs and medicines

Note: The prohibition of the importation of opium, according to the existing Treaty, remains in full force.

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1 TS 188, ante, vol. 1, p. 18.
Iron in pigs or bars, sheet iron and iron wire
Tin plates
White sugar in loaves or crushed
Glass and glassware
Clocks, watches, and watch chains
Wines malted and spirituous liquors

ARTICLE THREE

The Citizens of the United States importing or exporting goods shall always pay the Duty fixed thereon, whether such goods are intended for their own use or not.

ARTICLE FOUR

This Convention having been agreed upon a Year ago and its signature delayed through unavoidable circumstances, it is hereby agreed that the Same shall go into effect at Kanagawa on the 8th of February next, corresponding to the First day of the First month of the Fourth Japanese Year of Bunkin Ne—and at Nagasaki and Hakodate on the 9th day of March next corresponding to the first day of the Second month of the Fourth Japanese Year of Bunkin Ne.

Done in quadruplicate; each Copy being written in the English, Japanese and Dutch languages; all the versions having the same meaning but the Dutch version shall be considered as the original.

In Witness whereof the abovenamed Plenipotentiaries have hereunto set their hands and Seals at the City of Yedo the 28th day of January of the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty four and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty Eighth, corresponding to the twentieth day of the twelfth month of the Third Year of Bunkin Ye of the Japanese era.

ROBT. H. PRUYN  [SEAL]