RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES OF AIRWORTHINESS FOR IMPORTED AIRCRAFT

Exchange of notes at Pretoria October 12 and December 1, 1931
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The American Minister to the Minister of External Affairs

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PRETORIA, October 12, 1931

No. 68

SIR:

I have the honor to communicate the text of the arrangement between the United States of America and the Union of South Africa providing for the acceptance by the one country of certificates of airworthiness for aircraft imported from the other country as merchandise, as understood by me to have been agreed to in the negotiations which have just been concluded between the Legation and your Ministry.

"1. The present arrangement applies to civil aircraft constructed in continental United States of America, exclusive of Alaska, and exported to the Union of South Africa; and to civil aircraft constructed in the Union of South Africa and exported to continental United States of America, exclusive of Alaska.

2. The same validity shall be conferred on certificates of airworthiness issued by the competent authorities of the Government of the United States in respect of aircraft subsequently registered in the Union of South Africa

\(^1\) Certain agreements between the United States and the United Kingdom were, or are, also applicable to South Africa. See post, vol. 12, UNITED KINGDOM.

\(^2\) 6 UST 657; TIAS 3200.
as if they had been issued under the regulations in force on the subject in the
Union of South Africa provided that in each case a certificate of airworthiness
for export has also been issued by the United States authorities in respect of
the individual aircraft, and provided that certificates of airworthiness issued
by the competent authorities of the Union of South Africa in respect of air-
craft subsequently registered in the United States of America are similarly
given the same validity as if they had been issued under the regulations in
force on the subject in the United States.

3. The above arrangement will extend to civil aircraft of all categories,
including those used for public transport and those used for private purposes.

4. The present arrangement may be terminated by either Government
on sixty days' notice given to the other Government. In the event, however,
that either Government should be prevented by future action of its legislature
from giving full effect to the provisions of this arrangement it shall
automatically lapse."

If you inform me that it is the understanding of your Government that
the arrangement agreed upon is as herein set forth, the arrangement will be
considered to be operative from the date of the receipt of your note so advis-
ing me.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Ralph J. Totten
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Pleni-
potentiary of the United States of America

The Honorable
J. B. M. Hertzog,
Minister of External Affairs,
Pretoria.

The Minister of External Affairs to the American Minister

Pretoria, 1 Dec. 1931

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 68 of the 12th October, 1931, regarding
the arrangement between the Union of South Africa and the United States
of America providing for the reciprocal acceptance by the competent author-
ties of the respective Governments of certificates of airworthiness for aircraft
imported from the one country into the other as merchandise, I have the
honour to inform you that His Majesty's Government in the Union of South
Africa are in accord with the terms of the arrangement, which reads word for word as follows:

[For terms of arrangements, see numbered paragraphs of U.S. note, above.]

This arrangement will be operative from the date of this note.
I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. B. M. Hertzog
Minister of External Affairs

The Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America,
Pretoria.