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Notes were exchanged by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the Belgian Ambassador at the Court of St. James on the 16th/28th ultimo concluding two reciprocal Agreements ("A" and "B") relating to businesses wound up under Trading with the Enemy legislation.

2. It is understood by the British and Belgian Governments that the Agreements apply only to property, rights and interests belonging to Belgian or British subjects, as the case may be, at the outbreak of war that they apply to British and Belgian subjects wherever resident and that Agreement "B" does not apply in the case of liquidations which have been closed before the date of the conclusion of the Agreement, but unpaid claims of British or Belgian creditors, as the case may be, against such businesses will be met, *pari passu*, with any unsatisfied claims of other creditors that may be entitled to rank, out of any assets of the business not yet distributed, unless the latter shall have already been credited to the German Government through the clearing offices under Article 297 of the Treaty of Versailles.

3. The text of the Agreements, which were brought into operation on the 16th ultimo, has been published in the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 19th instant.

Foreign Office, S.W. 1.

TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909 AND 1918.
SUGAR CONFECTIONERY AND FOOD PRESERVING TRADE BOARD
[NORTHERN IRELAND].

The Trade Board established in Northern Ireland under the powers vested in the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, and in pursuance of Section 8 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and the enactments modified and adapted by the Government of Ireland (Adaptation of Enactments) (No. 3) Order, 1921, and any other Order of His Majesty in Council made under the said Act of 1920, for those branches of the Sugar Confectionery and Food Preserving trade specified in the Regulations of the said Ministry, dated Second day of January, 1922, having, as required by Regulations made by the Minister of Labour under Section 18 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, dated 31st October, 1918, given due Notice on the 16th January, 1923, of Proposal to vary certain minimum rates of wages for male and female workers.

The Trade Board have further given notice that they have received notification that an Order was made by the Minister of Labour for Northern Ireland on the Twenty third day of April, 1923, confirming the said minimum rates as varied by the Trade Board, as aforesaid, and specifying the Twenty seventh day of April, 1923, and the Twenty seventh day of July,