

## Circular by Anthony Greenwood on the British embargo on Southern Rhodesian products (20 December 1965)

**Caption:** Following the unilateral declaration of independence of Southern Rhodesia on 11 November 1965 by the government led by Ian Smith, Anthony Greenwood, Secretary of State for the Colonies, issues a circular on 20 December 1965 announcing a British embargo on agricultural products from Rhodesia and inviting other countries to take similar measures.

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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CIRCULAR 531/65

20th December, 1965.

RHODESIA

1 2 2. My circular telegrams Nos. 18 and 19 of 11th November.

H.M. Government in the United Kingdom announced on 1st December that imports of the following Rhodesian products are banned:

- Asbestos.
- Copper and copper products.
- Iron and Steel.
- Ores and concentrates of antimony, chromium, lithium and tantalum.
- Maize.
- Meat and edible meat products.
- Prepared and preserved meats.
- Meat extracts and meat juices.
- Citrus fruits.
- Fruit juices.
- Tea and dried vegetables.

All the United Kingdom's imports from Rhodesia of agricultural products, minerals and metals are now embargoed, amounting to over 95% of Rhodesian exports to the U.K.

2. Although territories have few imports from Rhodesia apart from tobacco (which Governments were previously invited to embargo) I should be grateful if your Government would now consider parallel action to that taken by the United Kingdom by banning any imports of the commodities listed, if these are not already covered by the action taken previously.

3. This circular has been addressed to all Governors, High Commissioners, H.M. Commissioners (except H.M. Commissioner, Bechuanaland) and Administrators, and to the British Commissioner and Consul, Tonga. A copy has been sent to the British Government Representative, Maseru, for transmission to the Government of Basutoland.

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