

CULTURAL EXCHANGES, PROPERTY, AND COOPERATION

Import Restrictions

**Agreement Between the UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA and BELIZE**

**Extending the Memorandum of Understanding
of February 23, 2018**

Effected by Exchange of Notes at Belmopan
December 15, 2022 and January 3, 2023

Entered into force January 3, 2023



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

No. 22-118

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Belize and has the honor to refer the Ministry to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Belize Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material of Belize done at Belmopan, February 23, 2018 (“the MOU”).

Pursuant to the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (“the Act”), the United States Department of State has determined that the factors that justified entering into the MOU still pertain and that no cause for suspension exists. Therefore, pursuant to the Act, the Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes to extend the MOU for an additional five-year period from February 23, 2023.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of Belize, the Embassy proposes that this note, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ affirmative note in reply, shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments to extend the MOU, which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ note in reply.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Belize the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosures:

Courtesy Draft of Reply Note from Government of Belize

Embassy of the United States of America,

Belmopan, December 15, 2022.





Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration

Our Reference: FA/BR/17/23(55)

NOTE NO. 02

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration of Belize presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note No. 22-118 dated 15 December 2022 regarding Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Belize concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material of Belize done at Belmopan, February 23, 2018 ("the MOU") which reads as follows:

"Pursuant to the Convention of Cultural Property Implementation Act ("the Act"), the United States Department of State has determined that the factors that justified entering into the MOU still pertain and that no cause for suspension exists. Therefore, pursuant to the Act, the Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes to extend the MOU for an additional five-year period from February 23, 2023."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration confirms that the proposal contained in Note No. 22-118 from the Embassy of the United States of America is acceptable to the Government of Belize. Therefore, the Embassy's note and this note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of Belize and the Government of the United States of America to extend the MO, which shall enter into force on the date of this note.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration of Belize avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Belmopan