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Sends draft requis prepared by Mr. Boardman.
Enquires whether diff. this be submitted to
Conference by Br. delegates.

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Dr. G. Fildes

These Reqsⁿ are simple & if
honestly derived by all the parties concerned,
ought to be effective.

Concern is the Dft. being submitted to
the Conf^{er} by the Br. delegates?

(1 kil := 2-2 lbs
13 kil = 28-6. which
is I suppose a
sufficient approxⁿ
to our limit of
30 lbs)

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The Under-Secretary of State,
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29th. April, 1914.

Sir:

Immediate

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to inform you that Mr. Woosnam called at this Department on the 28th. instant, and prepared for submission to the Conference on the Protection of Elephants and Rhinoceros the draft regulations copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Sir E. Grey would be glad to learn whether Mr. Secretary Harcourt concurs in this draft being submitted to the Conference by the British Delegates. If so, it is proposed to communicate the draft as soon as possible to the Governments taking part in the Conference.

I am to request that a reply may be returned to this letter at your earliest convenience.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

E. Grey A. (over)

DRAFT REGULATIONS.

1. Possession of ivory and rhinoceros horn and the trade in and export of these articles shall be allowed only as follows:-

(A) when obtained under a game license issued by the Government of any territory in Africa authorizing the holder to kill or capture a specified number of elephants or rhinoceroses.

(B) when purchased from Government, i.e. ivory which has been confiscated by Government and afterwards sold by auction for export by traders and bearing an inscribable Government brand or stamp.

2. The decision as to how many elephants or rhinoceroses are to be allowed on a license shall be left in the hands of the local administrators of the several territories concerned.

3. It shall be illegal throughout Africa for any person to be in possession of any tusk of ivory which weighs less than 13 kilos or any piece of a tusk if such tusk when whole would have weighed less than 13 kilos unless such tusk or piece of a tusk has been purchased from Government as mentioned in 1. (B) above.

4. The trade in and export of legally obtained ivory and rhinoceros horn shall be allowed under the authority of a game license, upon which authority a customs export form should be obtainable from any district commissioner (i.e. chef de poste).

5. At every port throughout Africa customs returns shall be kept showing the amount of ivory and rhinoceros horn exported. These returns shall be published annually as follows:-

Ivory.

Shot under license.

Confiscated.

No. of tusks above legal weight.	No. of tusks above legal weight.
No. of tusks below legal weight.	No. of tusks below legal weight.
Total No.	Total No.
Total value at port of export.	Total value at port of export.

Rhinoceros horn.

Shot under license.

Confiscated.

No. of horns.	No. of horns.
Total No.	Total No.
Total value at port of export.	Total value at port of export.