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Import duty on foods for Impt. forces

Refers to recent decision of Admin. Com. & inquires how question is being treated in E. Africa. Submits that Govt. of East. Uganda & occupied territory of S.A. should credit the Common charges account with a rebate equal to the duty paid on all foodstuffs purchased locally for Impt. forces.

Answers
 Cal 71
 Copy Uganda 29/ans
 * G. E. A. 13/17
 Copy Nyasa 5/ans
 Copy Masaka 5/ans
 20 Jan 17
 9 March 17
 50/932/16

W. Butler

For the S.A. refund of duty on locally purchased goods please see Govt. Genl/47923/10 & S.A. The point arose (see 60/31724/16) out of the fact that the Union Tariff provides for refund in the case of goods purchased locally for use by the Imperial Govt.

In the E.A.P. ^{reference to goods} this provision does not exist, though there is a refund in the case of goods sold to the Navy. (Table III of Customs Tariff Ord. 1910 - p. 2 of vol. herewith)

In Uganda (ultimately) & E. E. A. (directly) the Imperial pocket is concerned, & these matters of allocation

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are not worth the trouble to follow.

? Send copy to Gov. E.A.P. & Uganda
& to Admin - G.E.A. and ask for
their views. Say that it is the fact
that the Union have allowed the refund but
that their tariff law already provided
for a refund in the case of ^{goods} locally purchased
for the use of the Federal Govt.

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Tell WO that we have sent out their
letter for views, and point out that A,
saying that in view of that common
belong to within a certain amount that
the S.A. practice should be added
and matter of course in the next
[I find that it does seem wrong
of any practice of the kind in the case
of the local government]

It will be useful to write to Uganda
as well as to E.A.P. as although the
refund would be used by the
Members Customs Uganda
would be concerned in the
adjustment.

5/11/17

W. Field

I agree

Fair

at once.

+ J.R.

15/11/17



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War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.
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Dear Botsford,

Enclose our official letter,
with reference to the last
paragraph of your note of 23rd
December, for which many
thanks.

Yours sincerely,
(The Lord)

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary.

War Office,

London, S.W.

and the following number quoted.

24. (F. 1a.)

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War Office,

London, S.W.

10th January 1917.

Sir,

With reference to the recent decision of the Union Government to remit import duties on articles purchased in South Africa for the Union Contingents at the cost of Army funds, I am commanded by the Army Council to state that they would be glad to learn how the same question is being treated in East Africa with respect to the East African Force.

It was laid down in a telegram of 9th April 1916 from the Secretary of State to the Colonies to the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate (copy enclosed with your letter ^{W/O} 16004 of 10th idem) that customs duty should not be levied on gifts sent from overseas for the troops, or on stores imported for messes and canteens; and the Council understand that all goods imported for the East African Force, as being part of His Majesty's Land and Sea Forces, are admitted free of duty.

It would therefore seem reasonable to expect that the East Africa and Uganda Protectorate Governments, and the civil administration of the occupied portion of German East Africa, should credit the common charges account with a rebate equal to the duty paid on all goods purchased locally

for

Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

for the Force. I am to enquire whether this is being done,
with effect from the beginning of that account.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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W.O. EAP
2122 Uganda
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23 Jan 1917

Sir,

EAP No 71
Gen Belfield
DRAFT.
Uganda No 29
Gen Jackson
GEA No 13
Wm Byatt
MINUTE

I have the honor to transmit to you the acc. copy of a letter from the W.O. regarding a proposal that the administration of the E.A.P., Uganda w G.E.A. should cover the customs charges account with a rebate equal to the duty paid on all goods purchased locally for the Forces.

- Mr. Jewell 19/1/17
- Mr. Bottonley 20.1.17
- Mr.
- Mr. Grondie.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Ross.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Long.

2. It is the fact that the

Govt of the Union of South Africa have allowed the refund, as stated in the W.O. letter, but the tariff law of that Dominion already provided

29 Jan 1917
(Shirley letter in 2122)
This decision appears to have been influenced by the fact that the S.A.
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for a refund in the case

of goods locally purchased

for the use of the Imperial Govt., ~~and~~

3. I shall be glad to receive

a statement of your views on the proposal in far as it relates to

1) the EAP

2) Uganda

3) the occupied zone of GEA, &

~~have communicated your suggestions~~

with an indication of the ^{appropriate} amount

of revenue which would be

affected if the proposal were

adopted. I have addressed a

similar report to

1. the Gov. of Uganda & the Administrator
of G. E. A.

2. the Gov. of the E.A.P. and the Administrator
of T. E. A.

3. the Gov. of the E.A.P. and Uganda

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(Signed) WALTER H. LONG

W.O. E.A.P.
2122 Uganda
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for

DRAFT

Sir, 23 Jan 1917

The Secretary
Wire Office

19/1/17

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I am etc to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th of January (0165/8734 (F. 1a.)) and to request you to inform the Army Council that a copy of it is being sent to the Governor of the E.A.P. and Uganda and the Admin. of G.E.A. with a request for a statement of their views on the proposal that the administration of these territories should credit the customs charges amount with a rebate equal to the duty paid on all goods purchased locally for

2 drafts

the Forces

2. At the same time I am to point out that
~~2~~ ^{with regard to the action}

taken by the Govt of the Union of
Africa & have been bound to

South Africa in this matter. ~~I do~~
~~not~~ ^{at a considerable extent on the fact that}
~~point out that, as the tariff law~~

of that Dominion already provided

for a refund ^{of duty} in the case of goods locally

produced for the use of the Imperial Govt, and

that the Govt is not in a position to admit

that the South African practice ^{adopted by the Union Govt} should

be applied as a matter of course in the

Protectorate in East Africa

(Signed) H. J. READ