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No. *15784*

SUBJECT

*Free Admission of Consular
Official Requisites*

Previous

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Subsequent

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Under Statute

30th March 1928

Two copy despatch to H.M. Ambdr at Lisbon enquiring how matter stands

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2 Foreign Office. -----23rd April 1928.
This copy despatch from H.M. Ambdr at Lisbon forwarding views of Portuguese Govt on question of importation of Motor cars of Foreign Consuls.

G.A.

CR should not AT 30/4

(You wanted to see - ref. Dr Smith's minute of 21.12.27 on X10517(27))

Dr Allen

(Copy to Govt. ref 4 5 on X10517(27))

May in view of their reply but will no doubt issue instructions for the refund of the duties paid on the Portuguese Consul General's car.

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Noted on Budget Book (C)

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(Refers 5 on 10517(27))

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9 MAY 1928

Transmits copy correspondence with the Royal Italian Consul at Nairobi, regarding the importation of a car belonging to his successor, into Kenya free of customs duties.

Library.

Please attach a spare copy of copy No of Ref. Laws of Kenya 2 has to

Mr. Smith.

The facts appear to be correctly stated in para. 2 - but what? refer to 30 as in previous cases.

G. Rawson

26.11.28

in 20097

The question whether motorcars for Italian consuls are exempt from customs duty has already been referred to 30. (Col. of 21 Nov. 50097. You should be able to answer the dep. when 30 reply to that letter. So if you give the file can be kept with the Genl file in CR. pending 30 reply

Jan 9/12/28

In the Colombo case the car was purchased locally by the consul.

In this case the consul wants

the car imported. I do not know whether this affects the question. A G.D. memo sent to me in regard to the 30. I await their reply as suggested.

G. Rawson

to Smith

Should not this be transferred to

S. S. file? I agree as to working

J. M. Allen

8/12/28

LEGATION OFFICE

11 DECEMBER, 1928

Transmit copy letter from the Italian Ambar regarding the difficulty experienced by the newly appointed Italian Consul at Nairobi in obtaining duty-free entry of his car into Kenya.

This will enable you to reply to 5. (30 have not yet answered the letter on 50097. But which covers other matters besides the point settled by this letter.)

I suggest that as regards the motor car question should be informed as 70 required, & that on request for admission of consular officers' residences (para. 3 of 5) he should be referred to the memo. enclosed in circular of 22 March 24. Copy of dep. to 70 17

Jan 13/12/28

(I am endeavouring to get a ruling that all consular residences should be regarded as G.D. matters & files General. J. M. Allen atack

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- Mr. Cannon 12th
- Mr. Smith 19th 18
- Mr. Allen 9th
- Mr. Botkinley
- Mr. E. Harding
- Mr. Shuckburgh
- Mr. G. Grindley
- Mr. C. Davis
- Mr. S. Wilson
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore
- Lord Leam
- Mr. Amery

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(No 5)

copy to Mr. P.

1. I have 2c to ask the
 rest of Sir Edward Flegg
 Dept. no 614 of the 30th
 October regarding the
~~transfer of duty of~~
~~of course with the~~
~~claim of the Italian~~
~~to have control of~~
~~Caracas to import a~~
~~the motor car free of~~
~~import duty~~
 duty to
 be imported by the Italian
 consular free of duty.

Copy to Mr. P.
 and duplicate of no 5
 2 copies to 70. L7

2. The Italian
 Ambassador
 authorities have also appeal
 (the 1st for
 approached the Foreign

~~Office of the~~ Affairs who

Sir Austin Chamberlain has

requested that you may be informed that Italian &

British consular officers do

carry above the rank

of Vice Consul, taking up

appointments in this country

and in Italy respectively, are

accorded exemption from the

payment of customs duty in

respect of their motor cars

and their personal effects. In these cases

you will no doubt ~~know~~ ~~therefore~~

that you would Zoppi should be

granted the desired facilities.

3. As regards the ^{enquiry} ~~report~~ in

the 2nd paragraph of Sir E. Grey's

report I refer to the ~~fact~~

15/12/28

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In any further communication
on this subject, please quote
No. 13670/30/373.
and address
not to any person by name,

FOREIGN OFFICE.

but to
The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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S.W.1.

11th December, 1928.

Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain to transmit to you herewith, to be laid before Mr. Secretary Amery, a copy of a letter from the Italian Ambassador regarding the difficulty experienced by Commander Zoppi, newly appointed Consul of Italy at Nairobi, in obtaining duty-free entry of his motor car into Kenya.

2. Sir Austen Chamberlain would be glad if Mr. Amery would be so good as to inform the Governor of Kenya that Italian and British consular officers de carrière above the rank of Vice Consul, taking up appointments in this country and in Italy respectively are accorded exemption from the payment of customs duty in respect of their motor-cars and other personal effects, with a request that the desired facilities may be granted to Commander Zoppi.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

COPY.

(T 13870/30/373)

No. 3793.P.2.

Italian Embassy,

London.

29th November, 1928.

Dear Mr. Warner,

Our new Consul in Nairobi, British East Africa, is experiencing some difficulty in obtaining the duty-free importation of his motorcar.

I should be very much obliged to you if you could see your way to causing instructions to be sent to H.E. the Governor of Kenya to the effect of granting Commander Zoppi the facilities which are customarily granted to the Italian Consuls on their first arrival in this Country.

As H.E. the Governor makes the granting of such facilities to our newly appointed Consul in Nairobi dependent on the treatment of reciprocity to the British Consuls in Italy, I trust that no further objections will be made to Commander Zoppi's request, the reciprocity being granted, as you know, to your Consuls in Italy during a period of six months after their first arrival to their post.

I would like that the same privilege is extended to the British Consuls in the Italian Colonies.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) A. C. Borionero.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

KENYA.

No. 614

30 OCTOBER, 1928.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Royal Italian Consul at Nairobi, as marginally noted, on the subject of the importation into this Colony of a Fiat motor car belonging to his successor, who shortly arrives to assume duties in this country and on whose behalf the Royal Italian Consul has asked that Customs duty be waived in respect of the motor car in question.

2. It will be observed that this Government's decision that Customs duty could not be waived in this case would appear to be in accordance with the terms of paragraph 2 of your despatch No. 118 of the 5th February, 1907, since the motor car in question is the personal property of the new Consul and not the property of the Italian Government.

The present case would therefore not seem to be comparable with the recent case quoted by the Italian Consul and referred to in your despatch No. 333 of the 9th May, 1928, in which case a refund of duty was eventually made to the Consul General of Portugal.

3. I shall be glad to learn particulars of any reciprocal arrangements which may have been made/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL L.C.H.S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON S.W.

Letter No. 1919 of
12.9.28 from Royal
Italian Consul.

Letter to Royal
Italian Consul of
10.10.28.

Letter No. 2177 of
15.10.28 from Royal
Italian Consul.

Letter to Royal
Italian Consul of
24.10.28.

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made between His Majesty's Government in Great Britain and the Italian Government as regards the free admission of Consular official requisites, including motor cars. Your ruling upon the present case would also be appreciated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

H. J. Martin

for GOVERNOR.

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CONSOLATO DI SUA MAESTA.
LE RE D'ITALIA
IN NAIROBI.

N. DI ERDT 1919.
Riferimento.

Nairobi, 12-September, 1928.

OGGETTO.

The Royal Italian
Consul and Customs
duty on his car.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that a "FIAT"
Car belonging to my successor, Signor Nobile
Vittorio di Conti Zoppi is expected shortly to
arrive at Mombasa from Italy.

I should consider that, as the Car will be
used to perform Consular duties, it will come under
the purview of art. 15 of Table V of the Customs
Tariff Ordinance, 1926 and hence be free of customs
duty on arrival.

In the event of my presumption not being
correct will you be so good as to advise H.E. His
Governor to permit the import thereof free of the
usual duty specially as the Consular and other
diplomatic English Officers enjoy a similar privilege
on entering into my country.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd. L. Bicchieri.
Royal Italian Consul.

The Hon'ble the Colonial Secretary,
The Secretariat,
NAIROBI.

CUS 3/1/8/11/32

10th October, 1928.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th September, I have the honour to inform you that when making observations upon a recent application of a similar nature the Secretary of State for the Colonies remarked that although certain foreign countries have made reciprocal arrangements with His Majesty's Government in Great Britain for the admission into their respective countries of motor cars free of duty these arrangements apply only to motor cars which are the property of the Government importing them and not to motor cars privately owned by Consular Officers.

In the circumstances it is regretted that your request for the admission free of duty into Kenya of your successor's motor car cannot be granted by this Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. J. J. T. BARTON,
ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Royal Italian Consul,
NAIROBI.

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CONSOLATO DI SUA MAESTA
IL RE D'ITALIA
IN NAIROBI.

N. DI PROT 2177.

Nairobi 15th October, 1928.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. GUS 301/A 11/32 of the 10 instant, re the importation into the Kenya Colony of my successor's motor car free of Customs duty, I have the honour to state that though the car will be privately owned, it will be used for Consular work chiefly.

I would also state that the Consul General for Portugal on a similar understanding was recently allowed a refund of the Customs duty he paid on his car basing on this fact I already informed my Government that the car of Cav. Conte de Zoppi would be allowed to enter into this Colony by the Authorities concerned free of any charge.

As Cav. Zoppi arrives here in a few days and brings along with him his car, I shall be very thankful to you for whatever you may be able to do in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd. L. Sicchieri.
Royal Italian Consul.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
The Secretariat,
Nairobi.

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GUS 3/1/8/11/38

24th October, 1928.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 15th October relating to the importation of your successor's motor car into Kenya free of customs duty, I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor is directing an enquiry to the Secretary of State for the Colonies upon this subject.

If the result of such enquiry shows that the principle of reciprocity is usual in cases of this sort between His Majesty's Government in Great Britain and the Government of Italy the duty paid upon the motor car in question will be refunded.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. T. MARTINI
ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Royal Italian Consul,

NAIROBI.

In any case the name of the subject, please quote
No. 2452/30/373
and address not to be printed in name; but to
The Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.

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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his
compliments to the Under Secretary of State for
the Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary of State,
transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office;
2 nd April, 1928.

Reference to previous correspondence:

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Colonial Office Letter no. 10517/27 of 30th December, 1927
Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<p>From His Majesty's Ambassador at Lisbon do 13rd April, 1928.</p>	<p>Application by the Portuguese consul general in Kenya for refund of duty paid on a motor car for his official use.</p>

Copy (of enclosure) to Sec. 333 - 5 MAY 1928

~~Similar letter sent to~~

If any further communication on this subject, please quote
No. T. 1650/30/373
and address - *not to be printed*
The Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.

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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his
compliments to the Under Secretary of State for
the Colonies and by direction of the Secretary of State
transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,
23rd April, 1928.

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Reference to previous correspondence:

Colonial Office letter no. 10517/27 of 30th December, 1927.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<p>From His Majesty's Ambassador at Lisbon No. 105 13th April, 1928.</p>	<p>Application by the Portuguese consul general in Lisbon for refund of duty paid on a machine sent to the official use</p>

Copy (of enclosure) to Gen. 333 - 5 MAY 1928

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(T 4450/30/373)

No. 105.

His Majesty's Representative at Lisbon presents his compliments to H.M. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

British Embassy,

Lisbon,

Portugal.

April 13th 1928.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Foreign Office despatch No.114 (T 30/30/373) of 28/3/28.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.

Subject.

Translation of Note from Portuguese Government of March 31st, 1928.

Importation of motor cars duty free for foreign consuls.

TRANSLATION

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Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Lisbon. March 31st. 1928.

Senhor Embaixador,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of January 17th last and in reply thereto to state that the principle of reciprocity is generally observed in regard to the importation of motor cars destined for the official use of foreign consuls in Portuguese Colonies.

I avail myself etc.

(signed) A. M. de Bettencourt Rodrigues.

His Excellency:

Sir Lancelot Carnegie,

Etc., Etc.. Etc.