

Council Regulation (EC) No 1186/2009 of 16 November 2009 setting up a Community system of reliefs from customs duty (codified version)

TITLE II

RELIEF FROM IMPORT DUTY

CHAPTER XVIII

Honorary decorations or awards

Article 81

On production of satisfactory evidence to the competent authorities by the persons concerned, and provided the operations involved are not in any way of a commercial character, the following shall be admitted free of import duties:

- (a) decorations conferred by governments of third countries on persons whose normal place of residence is in the customs territory of the Community;
- (b) cups, medals and similar articles of an essentially symbolic nature which, having been awarded in a third country to persons having their normal place of residence in the customs territory of the Community as a tribute to their activities in fields such as the arts, the sciences, sport or the public service or as in recognition for merit at a particular event, are imported into the customs territory of the Community by such persons themselves;
- (c) cups, medals and similar articles of an essentially symbolic nature which are given free of charge by authorities or persons established in a third country to be presented in the customs territory of the Community for the same purposes as those referred to in (b);
- (d) awards, trophies and souvenirs of a symbolic nature and of limited value intended for distribution free of charge to persons normally resident in third countries at business conferences or similar international events; their nature, unitary value or other features, must not be such as might indicate that they are being imported for commercial reasons.

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EC) No 1186/2009. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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- Regulation excluded by S.I. 1995/2518, regs. 133AD(a), 133L (as inserted) by [S.I. 2021/715 reg. 4347](#)