

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 XXIV

Tourist information literature

Article 103

Without prejudice to Articles 42 to 50, the following shall be admitted free of import duties:

- (a) documentation (leaflets, brochures, books, magazines, guidebooks, posters whether or not framed, unframed photographs and photographic enlargements, maps whether or not illustrated, window transparencies, and illustrated calendars) intended to be distributed free of charge and the principal purpose of which is to encourage the public to visit foreign countries, in particular in order to attend cultural, tourist, sporting, religious or trade or professional meetings or events, provided that such literature contains not more than 25 % of private commercial advertising matter, excluding all private commercial advertising for Community firms, and that the general nature of its promotional aims is evident;
- (b) foreign hotel lists and yearbooks published by the official tourist agencies, or under their auspices, and timetables for foreign transport services, where such literature is intended to be distributed free of charge and contains not more than 25 % of private commercial advertising, excluding all private commercial advertising for Community firms;
- (c) reference material supplied to accredited representatives or correspondents appointed by official national tourist agencies and not intended for distribution, namely yearbooks, lists of telephone or telex numbers, hotel lists, fairs catalogues, specimens of craft goods of negligible value, and literature on museums, universities, spas or other similar establishments.

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](#)