

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 XXV

Miscellaneous documents and articles

Article 104

The following shall be admitted free of import duties:

- (a) documents sent free of charge to the public services of Member States;
- (b) publications of foreign governments and publications of official international bodies intended for distribution without charge;
- (c) ballot papers for elections organised by bodies set up in third countries;
- (d) objects to be submitted as evidence or for like purposes to the courts or other official agencies of the Member States;
- (e) specimen signatures and printed circulars concerning signatures sent as part of customary exchanges of information between public services or banking establishments;
- (f) official printed matter sent to the central banks of the Member States;
- (g) reports, statements, notes, prospectuses, application forms and other documents drawn up by companies registered in a third country and sent to the bearers or subscribers of securities issued by such companies;
- (h) recorded media (punched cards, sound recordings, microfilms, etc.) used for the transmission of information sent free of charge to the addressee, in so far as duty-free admission does not give rise to abuses or to major distortions of competition;
- (i) files, archives, printed forms and other documents to be used in international meetings, conferences or congresses, and reports on such gatherings;
- (j) plans, technical drawings, traced designs, descriptions and other similar documents imported with a view to obtaining or fulfilling orders in third countries or to participating in a competition held in the customs territory of the Community;
- (k) documents to be used in examinations held in the customs territory of the Community by institutions set up in third countries;
- (l) printed forms to be used as official documents in the international movement of vehicles or goods, within the framework of international conventions;

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- (m) printed forms, labels, tickets and similar documents sent by transport undertakings or by undertakings of the hotel industry in a third country to travel agencies set up in the customs territory of the Community;
- (n) printed forms and tickets, bills of lading, way-bills and other commercial or office documents which have been used;
- (o) official printed forms from third country or international authorities, and printed matter conforming to international standards sent for distribution by third country associations to corresponding associations located in the customs territory of the Community;
- (p) photographs, slides and stereotype mats for photographs, whether or not captioned, sent to press agencies or newspaper or magazine publishers;
- (q) tax and similar stamps proving payment of charges in third countries.

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