

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Import Duties (Drawback on Exported Shag Tobacco)  
Order, 1965

Section 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1964 provides inter alia that the Governor General may by order published in the Government Gazette allow drawback on exportation or shipment as stores as respects import duties paid on the importation of goods specified in the order.

A local tobacco Company has received some export orders for shag tobacco which the Company manufactures locally. They have requested drawback of duty on such exports, stating that they have prospects of increasing their exports of this type of tobacco if they are able to claim drawback of duty on them.

It is proposed that Maltese companies which manufacture shag tobacco for export, should be enabled to obtain drawback of the import duty paid on the tobacco and other items used for the manufacture and the packing of the shag tobacco. This measure will promote the export trade of these Islands and, therefore, is in the public interest.

In order to give effect to the proposal the attached Draft Order, which has been vetted by the Crown Advocate General, has been prepared. The Order makes provision for allowing drawback on exports of shag tobacco at the same rates and under the same conditions as those which apply to exports of locally made cigarettes.

Hon. Ministers are invited to agree that the Order be submitted to the Governor General for approval.

31st May, 1965.

IMPORT DUTIES ACT, 1964

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Date of commencement:

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1964, the Governor General has made the following order:

1. This order may be cited as the Import Duties (Drawback on Exported Shag Tobacco) Order, 1965.

2. Subject to the provisions of the Import Duties Act, 1964, and of articles 3, 4 and 5 of this order a drawback of the import duties charged on the goods mentioned in the First Column of the Schedule hereto shall be allowed on the exportation or shipment as stores of shag tobacco manufactured in these Islands, at the rates specified in respect of such goods in the Second Column of the Schedule.

3. (1) The Comptroller of Customs may require the manufacturer of the shag tobacco to keep such records as he may consider necessary to show the quantities and the origins of the tobacco and other items imported or withdrawn from bond and used for the manufacture and the packing of the shag tobacco.

(2) Such records shall be kept available for inspection by any officer of Customs at the premises of the manufacturer.

4. The drawback allowed under this order shall be payable -

- (a) in respect of tobacco subject to the surrender to the Comptroller of a quantity of tobacco stalks and offal equal in weight to not less than five per centum of the tobacco in the quantity of shag tobacco in respect of which drawback is claimed;

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Citation

Drawback on exportation of shag tobacco.

Keeping of records by the manufacturer.

Surrender of tobacco stalks and offal; drawback on polythene pouches and bags

- (b) in respect of polythene pouches and bags, on the actual number of pouches and bags used in the packing of shag tobacco falling within the scope of this order and actually exported.

Customs control  
over packing of  
shag tobacco

5. (1) Shag tobacco about to be exported or shipped as stores shall be inspected by officers of Customs on the premises of the manufacturer, or at such other place as may be determined by the Comptroller of Customs, at the manufacturer's expense and after such inspection shall be packed and sealed in the presence of such officers.

(2) For the purpose of the inspection required in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this article the manufacturer shall give the Comptroller of Customs not less than three days notice in writing of the date on which he intends to export the shag tobacco or ship it as stores and such notice shall contain particulars of the place at which and the hours during which such inspection may be carried out.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

First Column	Second Column
Goods	Rate of Drawback
Tobacco	31s/11d per kilogramme of tobacco contained in shag tobacco manufactured from leaf tobacco charged with duty at the General Tariff,
	31s/5d per kilogramme of tobacco contained in shag tobacco manufactured from leaf tobacco charged with duty at the Preferential Tariff
Polythene pouches and polythene bags,	The duty paid on importation.