

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Import Duties (Locally Assembled Motor Cars
supplied to Members of the British Forces or
Civilian Component) Drawback Regulations, 1965.

Section 20 of the Import Duties Act, 1964 provides that the Governor General may, by regulations, prescribe that a drawback in respect of import duties be granted on any specific goods.

The Defence Agreement provides that cars sold to members of the British Forces or of the civilian components on their posting to Malta shall be allowed to enter Malta duty free.

It is proposed that Maltese companies, which import cars in a completely knocked down condition and assemble them locally, should be enabled to obtain drawback of the import duty paid on such cars when sold to the abovementioned members of the British Forces who have a right to the duty free concession.

In order to give effect to the proposal the Crown Advocate General's Office has prepared the attached Draft Regulations.

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

In 1964 similar regulations were published whereby drawback of duty could be claimed on locally assembled cars which are sold to N.A.T.O. personnel.

19th May, 1965.

IMPORT DUTIES ACT, 1964

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Date of commencement:

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 20 of the Import Duties Act, 1964, His Excellency the Governor-General has made the following regulations:

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Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Import Duties (Locally Assembled Motor Cars supplied to Members of the British Forces or Civilian Component) Drawback Regulations, 1965.

Drawback on locally assembled cars supplied to members of the British forces or civilian component.

2. Subject to the provisions of the Import Duties Act, 1964, and of regulations 3 and 4 hereof, a drawback of the import duties charged on the completely knocked down parts, materials and accessories incorporated in a locally assembled car shall be allowed when such car is supplied directly to a member of the British forces or civilian component, at the time of his first arrival to take up service in Malta or at the time of first arrival of any dependants to join him, for use as his private car during the term of such service:

Provided that the granting of the said drawback shall be subject to the member of the British forces or civilian component in whose favour it is to be allowed not having already imported into these Islands a private car free from import duties and provided further that the said drawback shall be allowed in respect of only one private car for any such member.

Disposal of car with permission of Comptroller of Customs.

3. A car in respect of which drawback has been allowed under the last preceding regulation shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of in Malta except with the prior permission in writing of the Comptroller of Customs and under such conditions as he may deem proper to impose.

Evidence of supply of car qualifying for drawback.

Interpretation

4. A claim for the payment of drawback under these regulations shall be supported by a declaration in such terms as the Comptroller of Customs may require, made and subscribed by the person to whom the car in respect of which drawback is claimed has been supplied.

5. In these regulations the expressions "British forces", "civilian component" and "dependant" shall have the same meaning as is respectively assigned to them in Part I of the Annex to the Agreement on Mutual Defence and Assistance entered into between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Malta on the 21st day of September, 1964.