

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE HON. MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Exemption from payment of Customs duty on various
articles and goods imported by the Catholic
Relief Services for donation to
Institutes and needy persons

Section 13 of the Import and Export Duties Ordinance (Cap. 122) lays down that it shall be lawful for the Governor to admit the importation into these Islands of any goods, free from all duties.

2. The local representative of the Catholic Relief Services has imported one electric dryer, a quantity of new blankets, bedding and infants' clothing, one automatic oil-fired cooker with two ovens, a boiling plate, draught fan unit and spares, and 1748 cases each containing six cans of vegetable oil, all of which items are being distributed free of charge to needy persons and Institutes. The total Customs duty involved amounts to £1,101. Os. 10d.

3. Government is bound by an agreement with the local representatives of the Catholic Relief Services to exempt from duty all articles and goods imported for free distribution in the exercise of their social mission, and in view of this, it is being requested that the articles and goods specified above be exempted from payment of duty.

4. In the circumstances, Hon. Ministers are asked to say whether they agree that the Governor be advised to authorize the importation of all the items enumerated free of duty and to sign the relative Exemption Order.