

MEMO FOR CABINET BY MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND TOURISM

Goods seized from Mr Mohamed Bayzid

Mr Mohamed Bayzid, of Syrian nationality, on his arrival by air on June 6, 1962, failed to declare the importation of 19 gents wrist watches, 8 ladies wrist watches, 5 glass necklaces, 9 pairs cuffs links, and 13 odd glass earrings, valued at £35. 2s. 6d. The goods, dutiable to the amount of £14. 6s. 7d., were therefore seized.

2. Messrs Sol-Export G.M.B.H., of Dusseldorf, Germany, of whom importer appears to be the traveller, wrote to explain that Mr Bayzid's action was due to his ignorance of the law. They requested the return of the samples seized, declaring their readiness to pay the air-freight charges and a compromise fine.

3. Section 71 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 60) lays down that "when any seizure has been made, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred under this Ordinance, the Governor may direct the restoration of such seizure, whether condemnation has taken place or not, or waive proceedings, or mitigate or remit such penalty or forfeiture, on such terms and conditions as he may see fit".

4. The Comptroller of Customs has recommended that the goods seized be returned to the owners at their expense and risk against a forfeiture of £10 worth of watches by way of penalty.

5. Hon. Ministers are invited to advise the Governor to approve the above recommendation in terms of section 71 of the Customs Ordinance.

3rd November, 1962.

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