

MEMORANDUM BY THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISMDrawback on local Purchases by the Governor

On the 13th June, 1955, approval was given in Executive Council for exemption from duty of the importations made by the Governor and his family for personal and official use.

This arrangement has however turned out to the partial benefit of the Governor inasmuch as importations cannot cover the day to day purchases by the Governor except in the case of commodities, such as tobacco and spirits, which can be purchased directly out of bond and petrol for the Governor's cars which is issued from the oil companies installations to a special pump at San Anton Palace.

The Governor has to maintain a large establishment besides giving hospitality to official guests; this involves a heavy recurrent volume of purchases in the local market and it is for consideration whether the principle accepted in regard to importations should not be extended to cover also local purchases.

If this is accepted it is proposed to issue drawback regulations the purpose of which would be the refund of the duty element on the cost of goods purchased by or on behalf of the Governor for his personal and official requirements.

Payment of drawback will be made only on the issue of a certificate issued by the Governor or by an officer authorized by him to this effect vouching for the correctness of any claim submitted.

The attached draft regulations have been prepared by the Attorney General's Office to give effect to the proposal, and Hon. Ministers are invited to advise the Governor to approve them.

21st January, 1963.

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Import and Export Duties Ordinance (Cap. 122)

Import Duties

(Purchases by or on behalf of the Governor)

Drawback Regulations, 1963

Date of commencement:

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 17A of the Import and Export Duties Ordinance, the Governor has made the following regulations:-

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Import Duties (Purchases by or on behalf of the Governor) Drawback Regulations, 1963.

Drawback on goods purchased by or on behalf of the Governor.

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Import and Export Duties Ordinance and of regulation 3 hereof a drawback of import duties charged on goods purchased in the local market by or on behalf of the Governor for his personal and official requirements shall be allowed.

(2) For the purpose of this regulation the term "personal and official requirements" shall include purchases of food and drink and uniform clothing for the Governor's personal staff at his residence.

Evidence of the purchase of goods by or on behalf of the Governor

3. (1) Claims for the payment of such drawback shall be supported by a certificate issued by the Governor or by an officer authorised by him to this effect showing that the goods in respect of which drawback is claimed have been purchased in accordance with regulation 2 hereof.

(2) For the purposes of the payment of drawback under these regulations a certificate issued in accordance with paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be sufficient evidence of the fact stated therein unless the contrary is proved.