

CONVENTION CONCERNING CUSTOMS FACILITIES FOR TOURING

The Contracting States,

DESIRING to facilitate the development of international touring

HAVE DECIDED to conclude a Convention and have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

For the purpose of this Convention:

(a) The term "import duties and import taxes" shall mean not only Customs duties but also all duties and taxes whatever chargeable by reason of importation;

(b) The term "tourist" shall mean any person without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, who enters the territory of a Contracting State other than that in which that person normally resides and remains there for not less than twenty-four hours and not more than six months in the course of any twelve-month period, for legitimate non-immigrant purposes, such as touring, recreation, sports, health, family reasons, study, religious pilgrimages or business;

(c) The term "temporary importation permit" shall mean the Customs document testifying to the guarantee or deposit import duties and import taxes chargeable in the event of failure to re-export the article temporarily imported.

ARTICLE 2

1. Subject to the other conditions laid down in this Convention, each of the Contracting States shall admit temporarily free of import duties and import taxes the personal effects imported by a tourist, provided they are for the personal use of the tourist, that they are carried on the person of or in the luggage accompanying the tourist, that there is no reason to fear abuse, and that these personal effects will be re-exported by the tourist on leaving the country.

2. The term "personal effects" shall mean all clothing other articles new or used which a tourist may personally and reasonably require, taking into consideration all the circumstances of his visit, but excluding all merchandise imported for commercial purposes.

3. Personal effects shall include among other articles the following, provided that they can be considered as being in use:

Personal jewellery;

one camera with twelve plates or five rolls of film;

one miniature cinematograph camera with two reels of film;

one pair of binoculars;

one portable musical instrument;

one portable gramophone with ten records;

one portable sound-recording apparatus;

one portable wireless receiving set;

one portable typewriter;

one perambulator;

one tent and other camping equipment;

sports equipment (one fishing outfit, one sporting firearm with fifty cartridges, one non-powered bicycle, one canoe or kayak less than 5½ metres long, one pair of skis, two tennis racquets, and other similar articles).