

\*\*\* CLEARANCE OF COMMERCIAL SAMPLES THROUGH CUSTOMS \*\*\*

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1. Occasionally, Trade Commissioners are faced with the need to clear commercial samples through the local customs on behalf of a Canadian exporter or other person who, with or without advance permission, has consigned a parcel to him. Extreme care should be taken to ensure that such shipments are not cleared under diplomatic franchise. Once the true nature of the shipment has been made clear to the customs authorities, standard commercial clearance can be effected and all duties, taxes and any charges paid. They should later be collected from the firm or individual concerned.
2. There is a risk of serious embarrassment to the Trade Commissioner if diplomatic immunity is wittingly or unwittingly used to cover the import of commercial items.

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