

## 16. Taxes

The Canadian Government will grant remission of customs duties and excise taxes on goods imported and of federal sales and excise taxes on goods purchased in Canada which are or are to become the property of the United States Government and are to be used in the construction or operation of the BMEWS System, as well as refunds by way of drawback of the customs duty paid on goods imported by Canadian manufacturers and used in the manufacture or production of goods purchased by or on behalf of the United States Government and to become the property of the United States Government for the construction of the system.

## 17. Use of Airstrips

Airstrips at Canadian installations in the BMEWS System shall be used by the United States solely for the support of the System. If it should be desired at any time by the United States to use an airstrip for other purposes, requests should be forwarded through appropriate channels. The airstrips shall be available for use by the Royal Canadian Air Force as required. The airstrips shall also be available for use by Canadian civil air carriers operating into or through the area, whenever such use would not conflict with military requirements, and subject to the understanding that the United States Air Force will not be responsible for the provision of accommodation, fuel, or servicing facilities of any kind. Proposals and arrangements for such use of United States Air Force operated airstrips by Canadian air carriers shall be submitted to the Royal Canadian Air Force, which shall consult the United States Air Force before granting any such permission.

## 18. Landing Facilities

Landing facilities at any of the stations on tidewater will be available for use by Canadian Government ships and ships employed on Canadian Government business.

## 19. Transportation

Canadian commercial carriers will to the fullest extent practicable be afforded the opportunity to participate in movements of project materials, equipment and personnel within Canada. The United States will select the means of transportation and specific carriers for the movement of material, equipment, and personnel from points outside of Canada to BMEWS sites, provided that in the case of air carriers applicable civil air transport agreements and procedures shall be observed.

## 20. Resupply Arrangements

Because of the special conditions in the Canada Arctic, the Canadian Government has a particular interest in the arrangements for the resupply of the BMEWS. These arrangements shall therefore be a matter for later consultation and agreement between the two Governments.

## 21. Status of Forces

The "Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces", signed in London on June 19, 1951, shall apply.