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Draft Convention for the purpose of Facilitating Commercial Propaganda

Amendments to the United Kingdom revised draft

There is herewith circulated a list of the amendments suggested in the first reading of the revised draft convention submitted by the United Kingdom Delegation.
Amendment

Preamble. Delete "and regarding related subjects"

Article 1. para. (b). For "a metropolitan territory" substitute "its metropolitan territory"

Article 1. Insert new paragraph as follows:

"The provisions of this Convention shall not be construed as granting to importers the right to import samples, specimens or advertising material which could not otherwise be imported"

Article 3. Delete the Article.

Article 4. para. 1 (i), line 2. Delete "through the post"

(ii) line 3. Amend "packets" to read "a packet"

(iii) line 4. Delete "7 ounces" Delete "per packet". Amend "packets" to read "a packet".

(iv) line 3. After "document" insert "provided in each case that the packet does not form part of a larger consignment". Delete "in a packet" after the word "document".

(v) line 7. Amend "Separate and simultaneous" to read "Separate but simultaneous".

Comment

This phrase is not needed if the Working Party agrees that the provisions of Article 7 of the 1935 Convention should not figure in the present draft Convention.

The United Kingdom delegation has taken the liberty of basing itself upon the amendment proposed by the Indian delegation in relation to Article 2. It suggests that it would be more appropriate to write a general provision of this kind into Article 1.

This is in accordance with the views expressed by the United Kingdom delegation, and other delegations, when the Article was discussed during the first reading.

It was generally agreed that exemption need not be limited to documents despatched through the post.

It is thought preferable to use for the purposes of the Convention an appropriate round figure in the metric system. There is nothing to stop a country continuing the use of a higher figure e.g., 8 ounces in its domestic legislation.

During the preliminary discussion of this paragraph it was mentioned that postal importation provided an automatic limitation on the number of packets sent. If the exemption is to be generalised to all forms of transmission, a limiting phrase such as that now proposed seems necessary.
Amendment

Article 4, para. 2. Delete.

Article 4, para. 3. Re-number as 2.
Amend "paragraphs 1 and 2" to read "paragraph 1".
In line 2 of subparagraph (a) delete "in that territory" and substitute "in the territory of importation".

Article 5. Delete.

Article 6. Renumber as Article 3.

Article 12. Delete "paragraph number".
In line 4 insert "/ /" before "instrument" and before "accession" insert "ratification or".

Comment

Deletion of this paragraph was generally agreed upon.

The United Kingdom delegation suggests that the Articles dealing with samples should be brought together and should not be separated by the Article dealing with advertising material.