DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS

Reports received from the Contracting Parties

Addendum

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CANADA
(Corrigendum)

2. Combined invoice form

Delete: "The Customs invoice and commercial invoice require to be in agreement in all respects in showing particulars of the import transaction, quantity, description of goods, price and other considerations."

Substitute: "One invoice only is required."

DENMARK
(Corrigendum)

1. Documents required

Point (e) should read: "For goods which may be imported freely, certificates as stated under item (d) above are required, with the exception of import licence."

i.e. the word "licence" should be substituted for the word "certificate".
FEDERATION OF RHODESIA
AND NYASALAND
(New Statement)

1. Documents required

(i) Transport document (bill of lading, consignment note),

and

(ii) Commercial invoice (accompanied where necessary by a packing list).

We require a commercial invoice following a prescribed form and containing specified particulars. This invoice contains a declaration regarding the value of goods and a declaration concerning the origin of goods. The declaration of value is required in all cases but the declaration of origin is only required when admission to preferential rates of duty is claimed.

If the exporter is not the manufacturer or supplier of the goods but is acting as a buying agent for goods from a number of manufacturers or suppliers the manufacturers/suppliers must complete the prescribed form of invoice - certificate of value and origin - and, for ease of clearance at importation, the buying agent is required to draw up a covering reconciliation statement, reconciling the separate invoices - declarations of value and origin - from the manufacturers/suppliers.

2. Combined invoice form

The prescribed form of commercial invoice does in fact incorporate a certificate of origin for completion when preference is claimed. A copy of such invoice is attached.

3. Copies of documents

Only one copy of each document is required.


5. Tariff classification of goods Agreed.

6. Weights and measures

Since the Customs and Excise tariff is drawn up in terms of English weights and measures it is considered desirable that importation documents should, as far as possible, be completed on the same basis, however, other weights and measures are perfectly acceptable.

These requirements are in respect of Southern and Northern Rhodesia, at present operating under their separate legislations, but it is expected that the laws of the Federation, which will be introduced in July 1955, will be on similar lines.

1 This document may be consulted at the secretariat office.