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XIVth OLYMPIAD, 1948

Importations by the Organising Committee and Competitors

PART I. GENERAL

1. **Introduction.**—The Treasury have granted a concession to the Organising Committee and the incoming teams, competitors and officials in respect of equipment, etc. imported in connection with the Olympic Games which are to be held in this country during July and August, 1948.

The Olympiad Organising Committee has appointed Messrs. Beck and Pollitzer, Limited, Universal House, Southwark Bridge, S.E.1 (Telephone: Waterloo 3303) as the official Olympiad forwarding agents. The concession referred to in this Order may, however, be applied to importations through other agents if the prescribed conditions are complied with and the agent concerned is duly authorised by the Olympiad Organising Committee.

Competitors and officials from abroad will be housed at various housing centres organised and supervised by the Committee, and before arrival in this country they will be issued with personal Olympiad Identity Cards. Individual concessions may be granted only to holders of such cards. Specimens of the identity card are being distributed to Waterguard staffs.

Every effort should be made to ensure the smooth working of the concession. Any suspected abuse of the concession should be reported to the Board, but goods should not be detained unless the abuse is

flagrant. If necessary, Section 6 of the Secretaries' Office, Customs and Excise, City Gate House, London, E.C.2, should be consulted by telephone (Mansion House 1515, Extension 1083). Section 6 should also be consulted, as necessary, in regard to any contingency not covered by this Order.

2. **Scope of Treasury concession.**—Treasury authority has been given to cover the importation, without charge of Customs duty or Purchase Tax, of the following:—

- (a) Sports equipment imported by the Olympiad Organising Committee (but see below).
- (b) Equipment (including medical supplies, other than dangerous drugs) and sports clothing imported by foreign teams, competitors and officials for use in connection with the Games.
- (c) Foodstuffs for overseas competitors and officials and (except through the post) wines for overseas competitors, to be consumed by them during their stay in this country.
- (d) Exhibits for the Olympic Art Exhibition and Competition.

In general, the duty and tax-free admission of non-consumable goods is conditional upon their re-exportation at the conclusion of the Games.

As regards (a), however, some of the goods will be imported on purchase for retention in this country: these are admissible duty-free, but tax must be paid at importation (see paragraph 10).

Also, it is contemplated that some of the articles under (d) will be sold in this country, whereupon duty and tax will become chargeable under special arrangements made by the Board with the Committee.

3. **Bond.**—The Organising Committee for the XIVth Olympiad has given a comprehensive bond to secure duty and/or purchase tax on all goods imported under this concession. The bond will cover removal of unexamined goods where such removal is provided for in this Order.

4. **Board of Trade, etc. licences.**—Individual licences will not be required for goods imported for use in connection with the Olympic Games whether imported as freight, baggage or by post, nor for their subsequent re-exportation, an open licence for importation and an unlimited general licence for re-exportation having been granted by the Board of Trade.

Home Office permits must be produced for firearms and ammunition.

5. **Exchange Control.**—(a) *Currency Prohibitions.* The standing instructions are to be followed (see General Order 21/47, Part VI).

(b) *Imports.* No exchange control copies of import entries should be issued except in the case of goods which are imported by the Organising Committee for retention in this country (see paragraph 10).

(c) *Exports.* Goods imported under these concessions are to be regarded as exempt from the requirements of Section 23 of the Exchange Control Act, 1947, on re-exportation. Forms C.D. 3 will, therefore, not be required in respect of such goods. In other cases the standing instructions are to be followed.

PART II. ARRIVAL AND IMPORTATION

A. ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE

6. **General.**—Every passenger desiring the benefit of the concession must produce his Olympic Identity Card. Normally the baggage of competitors and officials will bear a special Olympiad label, but this need not be regarded as essential.

Except as indicated below, the standing regulations will be applicable. Foodstuffs (but not alcoholic liquors or tobacco) in the personal baggage of officials or competitors and wine in the baggage of competitors may be admitted free of duty without restriction as to quantities if they are declared to be for the consumption of the passenger during his stay in this country, and there is no reason to doubt the declaration.

7. **Articles for subsequent export control.**—Personal effects not admissible under the standing regulations, sports equipment, sports clothing, massage equipment and medicaments (other than dangerous drugs), for use in connection with the Games may be admitted free of duty and/or tax provided the passenger produces a list thereof in duplicate. The Preventive Officer should compare the imported articles with the lists, see that the latter contain such particulars as will assist subsequent identification, and sign and stamp clearly with the Station stamp both copies of the list. One copy should be returned to the passenger, who should be advised that the articles must be produced with the list for official examination at re-exportation and that re-exportation should take place within two months after the conclusion of the Games. The other copy of the list should be forwarded to the Collector at the port of importation.

8. **Firearms and Ammunition.**—The Organising Committee is arranging for personal Police permits to be issued to competitors bringing with them firearms and ammunition. A representative of the

Committee will meet shooting teams at the ports of arrival with the permits. The production of the appropriate permit must be required in every case, in addition to the procedure in paragraph 7, before the goods are released.

B. FREIGHT AND UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE

9. **Method of Consignment.**—Importations will normally be consigned as follows:—

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| (a) Boats and their equipment for the Olympic Yachting Regatta at Torquay | c/o Olympiad Office,
Torquay |
| (b) Horses for the Olympic Equestrian Events and their saddlery and forage | c/o Olympiad Office,
Aldershot |
| (c) Boats, canoes and their equipment for the Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Regattas at Henley | c/o Olympiad Office,
Henley-on-Thames |
| (d) Arms and Ammunition for use in the Olympic Shooting Events at Bisley | c/o Olympiad Office,
Bisley Camp,
Brookwood |
| (e) For other freight and unaccompanied baggage | c/o Olympiad Office,
London |

10. **Goods for examination at the Olympiad Customs Depot, London.**—All goods under (e) of paragraph 9, except foodstuffs, wines, spirits and tobacco must be entered for examination at the Olympiad Customs Depot, London. Entries should be in triplicate, should be clearly marked "Exempt, G.O. 24/48 (London Depot)" and should incorporate:—

- (i) a declaration that (a) the goods are imported for use in connection with the Olympic Games, and (b) will be re-exported within two months after the conclusion of the Games; but (b) may be omitted as regards art exhibits (see paragraph 2);
- (ii) a request for removal to the Olympiad Customs Depot, London, for examination and subsequent delivery under the bond of the Organising Committee for the XIVth Olympiad.

For goods of a kind liable to ad valorem duty or purchase tax such evidence of value as is available should be produced, and this evidence (or copies thereof certified by the Passing Officer) should be annexed to the entry.

In the case of sports equipment imported free of Customs duty by the Organising Committee for retention in this country (see paragraph 2)

the declaration should be modified accordingly. If the goods are of a kind chargeable with Purchase Tax, the tax should be taken on deposit under Sections 13 and 14 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1945, at the time of entry. For tax deposit purposes, the wholesale value is to be taken as the purchase price of the goods abroad, plus dutiable charges (if any) not included in such price, plus the Customs duty normally chargeable.

The original entry and triplicate should be forwarded to the Landing Officer, who is to release goods under the general directions of paragraph 17 of the Process Instructions and forward the entry and triplicate to the Office Surveyor, Customs and Excise, Adelaide House, London, E.C.4.

11. Action at London Customs Depot.—The import examination will be made by an Officer from the staff of the Office Surveyor, who should follow generally the directions of paragraphs 20 and 21 of the Process Instructions, the record on Form C. & E. No. 899A being suitably adapted. Marking, labelling or sealing articles for subsequent identification need not be resorted to, but any additional particulars which might be useful for this purpose and a note of any discrepancies should be shown in the examination account and endorsed on the triplicate entry. Material losses or discrepancies should be reported to Section 6 of the Secretaries' Office, but the goods need not be detained. When the goods are released the triplicate entry is to be signed, dated and numbered with the Depot progressive number and handed to the representative of the Organising Committee at the Depot.

12. Foodstuffs.—Provided that foodstuffs consigned to any Olympiad Office or Housing Centre are entered on the appropriate form of entry and each entry bears (a) a declaration that the food is for the consumption of overseas competitors and officials in connection with the Olympic Games, and (b) a request for duty-free delivery under the bond of the Organising Committee, the goods may be examined and cleared out of charge at the place of landing. Each entry must be clearly marked "Exempt, G.O. 24/48."

The standing regulations governing landing, sampling, etc., of commercial importations of food (C.C. Vol. 4, Parts 1, 5 and 24) will not apply to these importations, but Officers should seek instructions from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Animal Health Division, 99 Gresham Street, London, E.C.2 (telephone, Avenue 4616, Extension 319) before allowing delivery of:—

- (a) meat and meat products (excluding cooked meat) imported without the Ministry's covering authority, from countries other than Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile,

Eire, New Zealand, Paraguay, Union of South Africa, United States of America and Uruguay;

- (b) dead poultry, unless the birds have been plucked and eviscerated and had the heads and feet removed.

13. **Wines for Overseas Competitors.**—The goods should be consigned c/o XIV Olympiad Office, London, and entered to a warehousing entry (Form No. 46A (Sale) in duplicate) headed "Olympic Games, 1948. Exempt wine, 9230/48" and marked "No warehouse". The entry should contain, as far as possible, the usual particulars and should incorporate (a) a declaration that the wines are for the sole consumption of competitors in visiting Olympic teams from abroad and (b) a request for delivery under the bond of the Olympiad Organising Committee.

Deposit in warehouse need not be required but the goods should be examined at the port of landing. Register and ledger accounts should not be raised and short copy slips will not be necessary. The warehousing entry endorsed with particulars of the goods as examined and delivered should be sent to the Officer for the Olympiad Customs Depot, London, accompanied by a despatch for retention by that Officer.

The wine should be removed to the Olympiad Customs Depot, London, where it should be re-examined by the Officer for the Depot. The warehousing entry endorsed to show the receipt of the goods should be returned to the Landing Officer. If a loss in transit arises involving a duty charge, the Depot Officer should report the facts to Section 6 of the Secretaries' Office.

A responsible officer of the Organising Committee should furnish the Depot Officer with a receipt for each consignment, which should be attached to the despatch. The Committee should also maintain at the Clearing Depot a simple stock account showing particulars of the receipt of the goods and their disposal to the various Olympic Housing Centres. The Depot Officer should, from time to time, inspect this account.

At the end of the period the Depot Officer should furnish the Accountant General, Branch 1B, with a return showing the quantities and descriptions of wine imported under the concession. He should also furnish similar particulars to Section 6 and report on the working of the concession.

14. **Tobacco and Spirits.**—No special concessions have been granted in respect of tobacco or spirits, importations of which are to be dealt with under the standing regulations.

15. **Personal Baggage imported as Freight.**—Baggage which is the property of individual competitors may be entered and cleared to Baggage Sufferance. In such case the Landing Officer should follow the directions of paragraph 7. If an appropriate request is made, the packages may be allowed to go forward under official seal for examination at the Olympiad Customs Depot, London, the relative documents being forwarded to the Officer for the Depot (see paragraph 11). The latter Officer will endorse the Baggage Sufferance with particulars of his examination, and of any lists furnished and disposed of under paragraph 7 and return it to the import station.

16. **Goods, etc., consigned to Olympiad Depots other than London.**—Goods of a kind liable to Customs duty and/or Purchase Tax imported under heads (a) to (d) of paragraph 9 should ordinarily be examined at the import station, but if in any case a request is furnished for import examination at the appropriate Olympiad Depot referred to in paragraph 9, and the Collector is satisfied that the request is reasonable, it may be allowed. In either case the entry should be in triplicate, should be marked "Exempt G.O. 24/48" and should bear an appropriate declaration and request (see paragraph 10).

Subsequent procedure should be on the lines of paragraphs 13, 14 and 16/21 of the Process Instructions as far as applicable.

Forage for horses may be dealt with under the directions of paragraph 12 of this Order, appropriately modified.

Goods not of a kind liable to any duty or tax should normally be entered and cleared at the place of importation in the usual way.

17. **Firearms and Ammunition imported as Freight.**—If valid firearms certificates or Police permits are produced to cover the goods, the entry should be noted accordingly and the goods examined and cleared under the foregoing instructions. Otherwise the goods should be detained at the import station and the facts reported urgently by telephone or telegram to Section 6 of the Secretaries' Office.

18. **Horses and Forage.**—The directions of Customs Code, Vol. IV, Parts 21 and 23 will be applicable in the ordinary way to importations for the Olympic Games.

C. POSTAL IMPORTATIONS

19. **Special procedure.**—The Treasury has authorized the delivery free of duty and tax, and without requiring evidence of subsequent re-exportation, of goods (other than tobacco or alcoholic liquor)

addressed to overseas competitors at their official Olympic Housing Centres provided that the total amount of duty and tax involved in any one package does not exceed £5. Parcels appropriately addressed may be released on this basis and for the purpose of computing duty and tax liability, any foodstuffs or expendable equipment (e.g. tennis balls) may be ignored.

Any parcel addressed as above which contains goods (other than tobacco and alcoholic liquor) which are outside the £5 limit should be entered on a special import Duty Schedule. The items on the schedule are to be numbered consecutively in a continuing series covering the whole period of the concession, or in such manner as may be most convenient for local reference. Into each such parcel a notice (*see Appendix*) is to be inserted calling for production of the contents at re-exportation and giving particulars of the goods in terms most suitable to assist subsequent identification. These particulars together with the Import Duty Schedule reference number of the parcel should be inserted by the Officer, who must sign and date the notice and stamp it clearly with the Depot stamp. Copies of the notice are being issued to Postal Depots. When action as above has been completed the parcel is to be released to the Post Office for free delivery.

The special Import Duty Schedule should contain only parcels dealt with under the preceding sub-paragraph and should be filed at the Postal Depot for future use.

20. **Parcels containing tobacco or alcoholic liquor.**—The tobacco and/or alcoholic liquor should be charged with duty under the standing regulations. Any other goods packed therewith should be treated separately under the instructions of paragraph 19.

PART III. DEPARTURE AND RE-EXPORTATION

21. **Accompanied Baggage.**—On departure from this country, competitors and officials should be questioned to ascertain (a) whether on arrival any articles brought in by them in their baggage had been listed for production at exportation (*see paragraph 7*) or (b) whether any articles received by post accompanied by a notice (*see paragraph 25*) or imported as freight are being taken out in their baggage. If so, the production of such articles together with the list or notice or copy of import entry should be required. In the case of firearms or ammunition the Police permits should also be taken up. After satisfactory comparison with the relative articles the list, parcel post notice or copy

of entry together should be certified appropriately as to re-exportation, and with any Police permit, should be disposed of as follows:—

- (i) Baggage lists—to the Collector at the port of importation.
- (ii) Parcel Post notices—to the Officer at the Postal Depot of origin.
- (iii) Copy entries or extracts thereof—to the Officer for the Olympiad Customs Depot, London.

In comparing exported articles with the relative lists, etc., minor discrepancies may be ignored, but if a passenger fails to produce listed articles representing an estimated total duty and tax of £1 or more he is to be asked for an explanation of the shortage. In such case the facts and the explanation offered are to be noted on the list or other relative document which should then be transmitted as above.

In addition to goods which may be taken out without licence under the standing instructions or under paragraph 4 of this Order, competitors and officials who are in possession of Olympic Identity Cards may be allowed to take out the following articles in their baggage, without an export licence:—

Foodstuffs acquired in this country, whether rationed or unrationed, up to a maximum of 15lbs., provided that not more than 2lbs. consists of any one commodity.

22. Freight. Entry and Examination Outwards.—Goods temporarily imported under the concession must be pre-entered at exportation and cleared outwards. General arrangements have been made for the export examination to be made at the place of clearance inwards but this need not be insisted on. The Organising Committee or their agents should present shipping bill Form No. 142 (Sale) in duplicate, together with the triplicate copy of the import entry and, where the goods are being examined at an Olympiad Depot, they should make the necessary prior arrangements for the attendance of the proper Officer to examine the packages.

The opening of packages and their internal examination should be restricted to the extent reasonably necessary to satisfy the Officer that the goods are as described on the shipping bill and are identical with those imported. Particulars of the examination are to be shown on both copies of the shipping bill, which should be marked "G.O.24/48".

Where the packages have been produced for examination at an Olympiad Depot they need only be examined externally at shipment in the absence of suspicion.

If all the goods on an import entry have been satisfactorily accounted for, the triplicate copy is to be suitably noted and annexed to the original shipping bill. Otherwise the triplicate should be noted as to the goods exported and returned to the Organising Committee or their agents.

23. Disposal of Export Documents.—(a) *Goods produced for examination at the Olympiad Customs Depot, London.* After any necessary examination the original shipping bill is to be handed to the representative of the Organising Committee for forwarding to the export station or to the Collector for the place of exportation. The Shipping Officer, after certifying shipment thereon, will return the shipping bill to the Officer for the Olympiad Customs Depot who will note the duplicate shipping bill as to shipment, write off the goods exported in his record on Form C. & E. No. 899A and dispose of the documents in accordance with paragraph 34 of the Process Instructions.

(b) *Goods produced for examination at any other Olympiad Depot.* After any necessary examination the Officer should forward the duplicate shipping bill to the Collector for the place of importation and hand the original (with the triplicate import entry if exhausted) to the representative of the Organising Committee for forwarding to the export station or to the Collector for the place of exportation. The Shipping Officer will certify shipment as may be appropriate and forward the documents to the Collector for the place of importation for action under paragraph 34 of the Process Instructions.

(c) *Goods produced for examination at the ship's side.* Documents are to be disposed of under paragraphs 33 and 34 of the Process Instructions; except that where the goods were examined on import at the London Olympiad Customs Depot, all the documents are to be forwarded, certified as to shipment, to the Officer for that Depot who will note his record on Form C. & E. No. 899A and dispose of the documents as at (a) above.

24. Unaccompanied Baggage.—Unless re-exported accompanied under paragraph 21, personal baggage imported under paragraph 15 should be produced to the Shipping Officer at the place of shipment together with the pre-entry required under General Order 1/47, paragraph 78, and the officially stamped copy of any list furnished at importation under paragraph 7. The Shipping Officer will certify the list as to examination and shipment and forward it to the Collector for the place of importation. He should be guided generally by the directions of paragraph 21.

25. **Postal importations.**—The notice referred to in paragraph 19 (second sub-paragraph) will require the goods which it accompanies to be re-exported under control in either of the following ways:—

- (a) By being posted to an address abroad with the form of notice accompanying the parcel in an envelope attached to the outside in such a manner as to be readily detachable. The envelope and the postal declaration forms must be clearly marked "Olympic Games Re-export."
- (b) By production with the owner's accompanied baggage, together with the notice, to the Preventive Officer at the place of embarkation.

Parcels posted as at (a) will, by arrangement with the Post Office authorities, be produced to Officers of this Department as outward mail at the appropriate Postal (Export) Depots. The attached notices should be compared with the outward Customs declaration forms and in the absence of suspicion no internal examination need be made. The notices should be taken up and certified as to re-exportation, any material discrepancy being noted. They should then be returned to the Postal Depot of inward clearance, where the exportation is to be recorded against the relative item on the Import Duty Schedule and the notice is to be retained. Parcels should not be detained solely because the contents are not in agreement with the notice.

In the case of exportations under (b) above, the Preventive Officer will proceed as directed in paragraph 21.

PART IV. FINAL ACTION

26. **Reports to Board.**—At the end of October, 1948, Collectors should report to Section 6 of the Secretaries' Office particulars of:—

- (i) any importations still outstanding in Register C. & E. No. 899 (for the London Depot C. & E. No. 899A);
- (ii) as regards Baggage and Postal importations—all items unaccounted for where the estimated duty and tax for any passenger or parcel exceeds £5.

In reporting, Collectors should add their general observations as to the working of the concession. Nil reports should be furnished where appropriate.

By Order of the Board,

W. E. RHYDDERCH.

E. S. BERTENSHAW.

APPENDIX

(Referred to in paragraph 19.)

THIS NOTICE SHOULD BE READ CAREFULLY AND
RETAINED

(Date Stamp of Clearance Depot)

H.M. CUSTOMS & EXCISE: XIV OLYMPIAD 1948.
SPORTS EQUIPMENT, ETC., IMPORTED BY POST

Name of Competitor

Reference

Address

Description of goods—

The above contents of this parcel have been admitted without charge of the legal Customs duty and/or Purchase Tax on the condition that they are for your personal use only and will be re-exported in the manner prescribed below at the conclusion of the Games.

The manner in which the goods must be re-exported is as follows:—

EITHER (a) if you wish to *post* them out, this Notice must be placed in an envelope, which must be firmly attached to the *outside* of the parcel in such a manner as to be readily

detachable. The envelope and the parcel declaration form should be clearly marked "*Olympic Games Re-export*";

- OR (b) if you wish to *take* the goods out with you, this Notice must be handed to the Customs Officer who examines your baggage before you embark.

In either case you should complete the declaration at the foot of this Notice.

Failure to follow these directions will result in the duty and tax being charged to your account against the Olympiad Committee. *If you do not understand the procedure, your Camp Leader will advise you.*

I declare that the goods now re-exported are the same goods as those shown above. (For Official Use only)
(Satisfied goods re-exported (see G.O. 24/48))

(Signature)

(Olympic identity card number)

(Date Stamp of Export Officer)

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