

## COMMERCIAL SAMPLES AND MODELS

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*Obsolete*<sup>2</sup>

Department of State files

*The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

No. 1251

PARIS, August 26, 1938

EXCELLENCY:

Pursuant to the exchange of views which has taken place between our two governments concerning the temporary admission into the United States of French samples and models, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency the samples and models of goods imported with a view to receiving orders and not destined for sale, originating in and coming from French customs territory, are at present, under the provisions of Section 308 of the American Tariff Act of 1930,<sup>3</sup> admitted into the United States free of customs duty.

However, a bond guaranteeing their reexportation within six months from the date of their importation and representing twice the amount of the duties applicable to these articles provided for in the American Tariff Act, or a cash deposit equal to the amount of the duties, is required at the time of their importation.

The Federal Government may extend for a further period, not to exceed six months, the above delay of reexportation, if the request is made by the importers.

The foregoing provisions are also applicable to ladies' dress models imported by manufacturers to be used in their own establishments and not for sale.

I should be grateful if you would inform me if the French Government is willing to grant similar treatment to samples and models originating in and coming from the United States, imported temporarily into French customs territory.

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<sup>1</sup> *Post*, p. 1032.

<sup>3</sup> See International Convention To Facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Material (8 UST 1636; TIAS 3920).

<sup>2</sup> 46 Stat. 590.