

## CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES FOR CONSULAR OFFICERS AND CLERKS

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### EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to confirm to you as follows the results of our recent discussions concerning certain privileges and exemptions which the Government of the United States of America and the Royal Hellenic Government have agreed reciprocally to extend to consular officers and legation and consular clerks who are nationals of the other serving in its territory and not engaged in any private occupation for gain.

1. Career consular officers of the United States in Greece and career consular officers of Greece in the United States shall enjoy the privilege of importing free of duty or restriction all articles of first installation, including consumable goods and an automobile, this privilege to extend for a period of six months from the date of their arrival to take up their duties. Thereafter they shall enjoy the privilege of free entry for articles of personal use only with respect to furniture or effects completing their first installation; except, however, that any such officer shall be permitted to dispose of his automobile after two years of use upon payment of the duty assessed upon its used value, and to import another replacing it free of duty or restriction.

2. Legation and consular clerks who are nationals of the appointing country serving in the other and who are not engaged in any private occupation for gain shall enjoy the privileges mentioned in numbered paragraph 1 above, except that they shall not enjoy free entry of consumable goods at the time of their first installation. It is understood, however, that these privileges shall not be granted to legation or consular clerks who are nationals of the appointing country but also nationals of the country in which they are serving.