

SUPPRESSION OF CUSTOMS FRAUDS

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Office of Administrative Affairs
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PARIS, *December 10, 1936*

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to advise Your Excellency that the French Government is disposed, on condition of reciprocity, to apply, on and after December 15, 1936, the following provisions, with a view to the suppression of customs frauds, through the mutual assistance of the French and American Customs Administrations.

"Article I. The Customs Administration of the United States of America and the French Customs Administration shall promptly communicate to each other all information at any time in their possession concerning imports and exports which might facilitate the suppression of smuggling or fraud in the other country."

"Article II. Concerning direct or indirect shipments of merchandise between the United States of America or its possessions and France or its possessions, each of the Administrations concerned shall send directly to the other, upon the latter's written request, all information which may be gathered from documents in its possession (entries, registration records, declarations, and other customs documents). Such documents, or duly authenticated or certified copies thereof, may be used as evidence in proceedings or prosecutions in the courts."

"Article III. The appropriate officers of the Governments of the United States of America and France, respectively, shall furnish upon request to duly authorized officers of the other Government information concerning clearances of vessels or the transportation of cargoes, when the importation or exportation of any of the cargo carried is prohibited, restricted, or subject to the payment of duties or other exactions, or when the requesting officers