

CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES FOR CONSULAR OFFICERS

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NOTE VERBALE

The American Legation presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to a resolution passed by the Riksdag on March 23, 1931, amending Paragraph 5 of the Swedish Customs Tariff of 1929, so as to grant the right to import personal supplies without the payment of duty to foreign consular officers (consuls general, consuls, and vice consuls) in Sweden of countries according Swedish consular officers the corresponding privilege.

The American Legation, acting under instructions from its Government, has the honor to inform the Royal Ministry that the Treasury Department has in view of this resolution consented to extend, effective July first next, the free importation privilege to Swedish consular officers in the United States. Therefore, in addition to the free entry of baggage and effects upon arrival and return to their posts in the United States after visits abroad, which Swedish consular officers assigned to the United States already enjoy, such officers, who are Swedish nationals and not engaged in any other business, will be accorded on the basis of reciprocity the privilege of importing free of duty articles for their personal or family use at any time during their official residence, with the understanding that no article, the importation of which is prohibited by the laws of the United States, shall be imported by them.

The American Legation therefore has the honor to request the good offices of the Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs with a view to arranging for the extension of similar privileges to American consular officers assigned to Sweden.

STOCKHOLM, *June 23, 1931*