

CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES FOR DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR EMPLOYEES

*Exchange of notes at The Hague and Washington February 1, 1947,
and August 20, 1948, amending agreement of April 7, June 17,
August 20, and September 19, 1930
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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and, with reference to the Ministry's note No. 95666 dated December 13th 1946, has the honour to inform the Embassy that the Netherlands Government is prepared, on a basis of reciprocity, to recognize extension of the Agreement of 1930¹ in the manner indicated in the Embassy's Memorandum of November 1, 1946.

In view of the foregoing, the Ministry of Finance has authorized the Collectors of Customs, Excise and Taxes to extend the privilege of freedom from certain taxes and duties enjoyed by Diplomatic and Consular Officers to all Employees in the diplomatic and consular offices provided that they are nationals of the United States, not engaged in business or the exercise of a profession in the Netherlands.

The privilege includes exemption from the payment of customs duties, import tax (turn-over tax on goods imported), statistical duties, all excises, including those on tobacco and spirits, and the tax on gold and silverware on goods imported by the aforementioned employees for their personal use, official use, or that of their family.

In consequence of the above, the interim arrangement mentioned in the Ministry's note, No. 86526 of November 28th, 1946,² should be regarded as having been cancelled.

THE HAGUE, 1st February, 1947

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TO THE EMBASSY OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

¹ Exchange of notes at The Hague and at Washington Apr. 7, June 17, Aug. 20 and Sept. 19, 1930, and exchange of memorandums at Washington May 19 and June 30, 1931 (*ante*, p. 105).

² Not printed.