

## CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES FOR CONSULAR OFFICERS

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*The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

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EXCELLENCY: I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Treasury Department of my Government has consented to extend the privilege of free importation to Dutch 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 Dutch consular officers assigned to the United States already enjoy, such officers who are Dutch nationals and not engaged in any other business, on a basis of reciprocity would be accorded 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 Legation is informed that according to article 19 of the Tariff Law of the Netherlands (Free Entry Decree, 1925, Article 22-B) free entry may be accorded to Consular Officers of other powers on the condition of reciprocity. I should therefore like to propose on a basis of reciprocity that free entry privileges as outlined above be granted to American Consular Officers assigned to the Netherlands.

I may add that this suggestion applies only to Consular Officers as my Government deems it advisable to limit the free importation privilege to diplomatic and consular officers and not to extend it to members of clerical staffs of Legations or Consulates.

I avail myself [etc.]

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<sup>1</sup> *Post*, p. 257.