

CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES FOR CONSULAR OFFICERS AND CLERKS

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The American Ambassador to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI, *August 14, 1945*

No. 459

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the United States Government would view with favor an arrangement for the extension of the free importation privileges on a strict basis of reciprocity, to American Consular officers and clerks in the Mission and Consular offices, assigned to Haiti; and to Haitian Consular officers and clerks in the Mission and Consular offices, assigned to the United States.

It is proposed that, in addition to the free entry of personal baggage and effects upon arrival and upon return to their posts in the United States after visits abroad, which Haitian consular officers already enjoy, such officers and the clerks in the Mission and Consular offices, who are Haitian nationals and not engaged in any private occupation for gain, on a basis of reciprocity, would be accorded the privilege of importing free of duty articles for their personal use at any time during the period that they exercise essential government functions in the United States, on the understanding that no article, the importation of which is prohibited by the laws of the United States, should be imported by them.

The arrangement would likewise provide that American Consular officers and clerks in the Mission and Consular offices, who are nationals of the United States and not engaged in any private occupation for gain, would be accorded in Haiti the privileges as set forth above.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

ORME WILSON

His Excellency

M. GÉRARD LESCOT,

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,

Port-au-Prince.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

U.S. No. 4460

PORT-AU-PRINCE, *August 24, 1945*

MR. AMBASSADOR:

Referring to Your Excellency's note no. 459 dated the fourteenth of this month, I have the honor to inform you that the Haitian Government approves the suggestion made by the United States Government concerning reciprocal extension of free importation privileges to their consular agents, as well as to the clerks of their respective diplomatic missions and consulates.

Consequently, from this date, American consular agents, as well as clerks of the American diplomatic mission and consulates in Haiti, provided that they are nationals of the United States and are not engaged in commercial transactions for profit, are authorized to import freely into Haiti, without payment of any duty, all articles intended for their personal use the importation of which is not prohibited by Haitian laws. The provisions of Paragraph 13249 of the Haitian customs tariff relative to the importation of such articles by foreign diplomatic agents shall be applicable to the above-mentioned American consular agents and clerks.

It is understood that, on a reciprocal basis, Haitian consular agents, as well as clerks of the Haitian diplomatic mission and consulates in the United States, provided that they are Haitian citizens and are not engaged in commercial transactions for profit, are authorized to import freely into the United States, without payment of any duty, all articles intended for their personal use the importation of which is not prohibited by American laws.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my very high consideration.

GERARD LESCOT

His Excellency

ORME WILSON,

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America,
Port-au-Prince.*