

CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES FOR CONSULAR OFFICERS

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The Lithuanian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Secretary of State

LÉGATION DE LITHUANIE

JULY 28, 1934

SIR:

In accordance with instructions from my Government, I have the honor to inquire whether the Government of the United States of America is disposed to enter into a reciprocal agreement whereby it would be willing to extend to Lithuanian consular officers in the United States, who are nationals of Lithuania, and who are not engaged in any business, and their families, the privilege of importing articles for their personal use free of duty during their official residence in the United States, with the understanding that no article whose importation into the United States in any quantity whatsoever is not permitted shall be imported by them.

In the event that the extension of the above mentioned privilege to Lithuanian consular officers on the basis of reciprocity is acceptable to the Government of the United States, I shall be pleased to receive a suggestion as to the date on which the arrangement shall enter into effect.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my high consideration.

M. BAGDONAS
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

The Honorable CORDELL HULL,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

The Secretary of State to the Lithuanian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

SEPTEMBER 17, 1934

SIR:

Further reference is made to your note of July 28, 1934, inquiring whether this Government would be disposed to enter into a reciprocal agreement

whereby Lithuanian consular officers assigned to the United States, who are Lithuanian nationals and not engaged in any other business, and their families would be granted the privilege of importing articles for their personal use free of duty during their official residence in the United States.

After consultation with the appropriate authorities of this Government, I have pleasure in informing you that on a basis of reciprocity, in addition to the free entry of baggage and effects upon arrival and return to their posts in this country after visits abroad which Lithuanian consular officers assigned to the United States already enjoy, this Department, upon the request of the Lithuanian Legation in each instance, will arrange for the free entry of articles imported for personal use during their official residence in the United States by Lithuanian consular officers and their families. It is understood that such officers shall be Lithuanian nationals and not engaged in any private occupation for gain and that no article the importation of which is prohibited by the laws of the United States shall be imported by them.

If agreeable to the Lithuanian Government, it is suggested that October 15, 1934, be set as the date on which this reciprocal agreement shall become effective.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

WILLIAM PHILLIPS

Dr. MIKAS BAGDOŅAS,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Lithuania.

The Lithuanian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Secretary of State

LITHUANIAN LEGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1934

No. 947

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of September 17, 1934, in which you were kind enough to state that the Government of the United States of America would be disposed to enter into a reciprocal agreement whereby Lithuanian consular officers assigned to the United States, who are Lithuanian nationals and not engaged in any other business, and their families would be granted the privilege of importing articles for their personal use free of duty during their official residence in the United States.

It is my pleasure to inform you that on a basis of reciprocity, in addition to the free entry of baggage and effects upon arrival and return to their posts in Lithuania after visits abroad which the United States consular officers assigned to Lithuania already enjoy, the Lithuanian Government will

arrange for the free entry of articles imported for personal use during their official residence in Lithuania by the United States consular officers and their families. It is understood that such officers shall be nationals of the United States of America and not engaged in any private occupation for gain and that no article the importation of which is prohibited by the laws of Lithuania shall be imported by them.

In accordance with your suggestion, I have the honor to inform you that it is agreeable to the Lithuanian Government to set October 15, 1934, as the date on which this reciprocal agreement shall become effective.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

M. BAGDONAS
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

The Honorable CORDELL HULL,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

The Secretary of State to the Lithuanian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

OCTOBER 4, 1934

SIR:

The receipt is acknowledged of your note of September 19, 1934, having further reference to a reciprocal agreement whereby Lithuanian and American consular officers in the country of the other and their families may import articles for their personal use free of duty during their official residence.

I note that it is agreeable to the Lithuanian Government to set October 15, 1934, as the date on which this reciprocal agreement shall become effective. On and after that date, therefore, upon the request of the Lithuanian Legation in each instance, this Department will arrange for the free entry of non-prohibited articles imported for personal use by Lithuanian consular officers assigned to the United States whose status brings them within the purview of the agreement, and their families.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State:
WILBUR J. CARR

Dr. MIKAS BAGDONAS,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Lithuania.