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Contracting Parties

Barriers to the Import and Export of  
Educational, Scientific and Cultural  
Material

Addendum

The following communication, dated 29 April 1949, has been received from the Southern Rhodesian delegation to the third session of the Contracting Parties.

"With reference to GATT/CP/12/Add.3 of the 25th instant, I have to inform you that the position with regard to Southern Rhodesia in so far as it has been stated has been incorrectly stated. The following details relating to the importation of such materials into Southern Rhodesia are provided for your information and that of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization:-

Books, newspapers etc., not elsewhere enumerated, which are not foreign unauthorised prints of any British Empire copyright works the importation of which is prohibited or which are not advertising matter are free of duty from all sources.

Atlases, charts, globes and maps are free of duty from all sources.

Guide Books, year books, handbooks and directories not relating to Southern Rhodesia and Publicity matter, not being commercial advertising matter, relating to affairs, travel and exhibitions outside the Colony are free of duty from all sources.

Scientific apparatus and instruments for scientific observation or record or for the control of manufacturing operations, under such conditions as the Controller of Customs & Excise may prescribe are liable to 5% ad valorem from any source other than U.K. British possessions and Dominions.

Gramophone records and other forms of sound reproduction of an educational nature are free of duty from all sources.

Cinematograph Films designed to supply information with regard to the work and aims of the League of Nations and other International Organizations which are generally recognised by the High Contracting Parties to the International Convention of 1933 for facilitating the International Circulation of Films of an Educational Character; intended for use in education of all grades; intended for vocational training and guidance, including technical films relating to industry, and films relating to scientific management; dealing with scientific or technical research or designed to spread scientific knowledge; dealing with health questions, physical training, social welfare or relief; designed to promote and increase throughout the British Empire knowledge and understanding of the several countries and peoples; under such conditions as the Controller may prescribe are free of duty from all sources.

Sculpture (including bronzes but not including tombstones): being original works of art, or specially made reproductions thereof modelled separately by an individual artist is free from all sources.

Models, not being toys and not being for advertising purposes are free from all sources.

School furniture and requisites, being articles certified by the Director of Education or the Director of Native Education to be for use in any school but not including athletics or sporting goods are free from all sources. This item covers all the normal importations of mission, church or non-governmental schools.

Specimens illustrative of natural history, and exhibits and antiquities; for public museums or scientific purposes are free of duty from all sources.

Antiques and works of art, provided they were produced or manufactured more than one hundred years prior to the date of importation, under such conditions as the Controller may prescribe are free of duty from all sources.

Diagrams, drawings and plans as well as engravings and photographs (not including enlargements or reproductions): not being labels or advertisements elsewhere enumerated are free of duty from all sources.

Paintings, etchings, pictures, lithographs, picture books, not being advertisements elsewhere enumerated: and pictures for calendars or box covers are free from all sources.

Astronomical instruments and equipment therefor, imported by institutions or societies engaged in astronomical work are liable to 5% ad valorem from all sources except U.K. British possessions and the Dominions.

It will be seen that the Southern Rhodesian Customs and Excise Tariff has ample provision for the type of article envisaged and it was thought that the information should prove of interest to you."

