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THE Government of His Britannic Majesty and the Government of the Estonian Republic, being desirous of facilitating the clearance through their respective Customs Departments of samples of dutiable goods brought by commercial travellers, to be used as models or patterns for the purpose of obtaining orders and not for sale, mutually agree as follows :—

Articles liable to duty serving as patterns and samples, which are introduced into Great Britain and Northern Ireland by commercial travellers of Estonia, or into Estonia by commercial travellers of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, shall henceforth be admitted free of duty, subject to the following formalities requisite to ensure their being re-exported or placed in bond :—

1. The officers of Customs at any port or place at which the patterns or samples may be imported shall ascertain the amount of duty chargeable thereon. That amount must either be deposited by the commercial traveller in money, or ample security must be given for it.
2. For the purpose of identification, the marks, stamps or seals placed upon the samples by the Customs authorities of one of the Contracting Parties shall be recognised as sufficient by those of the other. Should the samples, however, arrive without bearing any of the above-mentioned marks, or should the marks not appear to be sufficient to the Administration interested, a supplementary mark may be affixed to such samples if considered desirable in such a way as not to injure them and without charge.
3. A Permit or Certificate shall be given to the importer which shall contain :—
 - (a.) A list of the patterns or samples imported specifying the nature of the goods and such marks as may be proper for the purpose of identification ;
 - (b.) A statement showing the duty chargeable on the patterns or samples, and also whether the amount was deposited in money or whether security was given for it ;
 - (c.) A statement as to the manner in which the patterns or samples were marked ;
 - (d.) A statement of the period (not in any case to exceed twelve months) at the expiration of which the amount of duty deposited will be carried to public account, or the amount payable will be recovered under the security given, as the case may be, unless it is proved that the patterns or samples have been previously re-exported or placed in bond.

With a view to facilitating the procedure, it is agreed that the authorities of the Contracting Parties may require that the certificates mentioned be prepared in two or more copies by the importer himself, reserving to the Customs authorities their filling up and legalisation.

4. The patterns or samples may also be re-exported through any Custom House other than the one through which they were imported.

Nevertheless it is agreed that with respect to Estonia the importation and re-exportation of patterns or samples may at present be effected only through the Custom Houses of Tallinn (Reval), Walk, Narva, and Pernau, provided always that commercial travellers of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall be permitted to import or re-export their samples through any other Estonian Custom House which may be opened for the purpose to the commercial travellers of any other foreign country.

5. If before the expiration of the appointed time provided for in paragraph 3 (d) the patterns or samples should be presented at the Custom House of any port or place for the purpose of re-exportation or being placed in bond, the officers at such port or place must satisfy themselves by examination that the articles which are brought to them are the same as those for which a permit of entry was granted. If the officers are satisfied that this is the case, they will certify the re-exportation or deposit in bond, and will refund the duty which had been deposited or will take the necessary steps for discharging the security.

It is understood that the foregoing privileges shall not extend to articles which, owing to their quantity or value, cannot be considered as samples, or which, owing to their nature, could not be identified on re-exportation.

This Agreement shall come into force on the day following the day of the notification to His Britannic Majesty's Government of its ratification by the Estonian Parliament and shall remain in force until the expiration of three months from the date on which either of the Contracting Parties shall have denounced it.

Done in duplicate at Tallinn (Reval) the third day of May, 1926.

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Note.—This Agreement came into force on December 10, 1926.