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MEMORANDUM

TO : THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
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FROM : BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO JAN 08 2025
Commissioner

SUBJECT : NOTIFICATION BY THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA OF
THE CONVENTION ON TEMPORARY ADMISSION

DATE : 19 December 2024

Attached as **Annex A** is the Notification of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the Convention on Temporary Admission, with the following details, to wit:

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Brussels has notified the Secretary General, by a communication received on 22 February 2024, that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has accepted Annexes B2, B3, and B5 of the Convention on Temporary Admission with the following reservations:

- *Annex B3 with reservation to Article 5 (1) of the Annex; and*
- *Annex B5 with reservation to Article 4 of the Annex.*

For information.



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CONVENTION RELATIVE À L'ADMISSION TEMPORAIRE

(conclue à Istanbul le 26 juin 1990,
entrée en vigueur le 27 novembre 1993)

NOTIFICATION DU ROYAUME D'ARABIE SAOUDITE*

L'Ambassade du Royaume d'Arabie Saoudite à Bruxelles a notifié le Secrétaire général, dans une communication reçue le 22 février 2024, que le Royaume d'Arabie Saoudite a adhéré aux Annexes B2, B3 et B5 de la Convention susmentionnée, avec des réserves pour :

- le paragraphe 1 de l'article 5 de l'Annexe B3 ;
- l'article 4 de l'Annexe B5.

CONVENTION ON TEMPORARY ADMISSION

(done at Istanbul on 26 June 1990,
entered into force on 27 November 1993)

NOTIFICATION BY THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA*

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Brussels has notified the Secretary General, by a communication received on 22 February 2024, that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has accepted Annexes B2, B3 and B5 of the Convention on Temporary Admission with the following reservations:

- Annex B3 with reservation to Article 5 (1) of the Annex; and
- Annex B5 with reservation to Article 4 of the Annex.

* Ces annexes sont entrées en vigueur à l'égard du Royaume d'Arabie Saoudite le 21 mai 2024.

* These annexes entered into force for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 May 2024.

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CONVENTION
On Temporary Admission
(Istanbul, 26 June 1990)

Body of the Convention
Annexes A, B.1. to B.9., C, D and E

ANNEX B.2.

ANNEX CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT

CHAPTER I

Definition

Article 1

For the purposes of this Annex, the term "professional equipment" means :

1. equipment for the press or for sound or television broadcasting which is necessary for representatives of the press or of broadcasting or television organizations visiting the territory of another country for purposes of reporting or in order to transmit or record material for specified programmes. An illustrative list of such equipment is set out at Appendix I to this Annex;
2. cinematographic equipment necessary for a person visiting the territory of another country in order to make a specified film or films. An illustrative list of such equipment is set out at Appendix II to this Annex;
3. any other equipment necessary for the exercise of the calling, trade or profession of a person visiting the territory of another country to perform a specified task. It does not include equipment which is to be used for the industrial manufacture or packaging of goods or (except in the case of hand tools) for the exploitation of natural resources, for the construction, repair or maintenance of buildings or for earth moving and like projects. An illustrative list of such equipment is set out at Appendix III to this Annex;
4. ancillary apparatus for the equipment mentioned in Items 1, 2 and 3 of this Article, and accessories therefor.

CHAPTER II

Scope

Article 2

The following goods shall be granted temporary admission in accordance with Article 2 of this Convention :

- (a) professional equipment;
- (b) component parts imported for repair of professional equipment temporarily admitted under paragraph (a) above.

CHAPTER III

Miscellaneous provisions

Article 3

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1. For the facilities granted by this Annex to apply, the professional equipment shall be :
 - (a) owned by a person established or resident outside the territory of temporary admission;
 - (b) imported by a person established or resident outside the territory of temporary admission;
 - (c) used solely by or under the personal supervision of the person visiting the territory of temporary admission.
2. Paragraph 1 (c) of this Article shall not apply in the case of equipment imported for the production of a film, television programme or audiovisual works, under a co-production contract to which a person established in the territory of temporary admission is a party and which is approved by the competent authorities of that territory under an inter-governmental agreement concerning co-production.
3. The cinematographic equipment and equipment for the press or for sound or television broadcasting shall not be the subject of a hire contract or similar arrangement to which a person established in the territory of temporary admission is a party, provided that this condition shall not apply in the case of joint sound or television broadcasting programmes.

Article 4

1. Temporary admission of radio and television production and broadcasting equipment and specially adapted radio or television vans and their equipment, imported by public or private bodies approved for that purpose by the Customs authorities of the territory of temporary admission, shall be granted without a Customs document or security being required.
2. The Customs authorities may require the production of a list or detailed inventory of the equipment referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article together with a written undertaking to re-export.

Article 5

The period for the re-exportation of professional equipment shall be at least twelve months from the date of temporary admission. The period for the re-exportation of vehicles may, however, be determined with due regard to the purpose and the intended length of the stay in the territory of temporary admission.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party shall have the right to refuse or withdraw temporary admission in respect of vehicles referred to in Appendices I to III to this Annex, which, even on an occasional basis, embark persons for remuneration or load goods on its territory for disembarkation or unloading at a place within the same territory.

Article 7

The Appendices to this Annex shall be construed to be an integral part thereof.

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Article 8

Upon its entry into force this Annex shall, in accordance with Article 27 of this Convention, terminate and replace the Customs Convention on the temporary importation of professional equipment, Brussels, 8 June 1961, in relations between the Contracting Parties which have accepted this Annex and are Contracting Parties to that Convention.

ANNEX B.3.

**ANNEX CONCERNING CONTAINERS, PALLETS, PACKINGS,
SAMPLES AND OTHER GOODS IMPORTED IN CONNECTION
WITH A COMMERCIAL OPERATION**

CHAPTER I

Definitions

Article 1

For the purposes of this Annex, the term :

- (a) "goods imported in connection with a commercial operation" means :

containers, pallets, packings, samples, advertising films and any other goods imported in connection with a commercial operation but whose importation does not in itself constitute a commercial operation;

- (b) "packing" means :

all articles and materials used, or to be used, in the state in which they are imported, to pack, protect, stow or separate goods, excluding packing materials such as straw, paper, glasswool, shavings, etc., when imported in bulk. Containers and pallets, as defined in Items (c) and (d) of this Article respectively, are also excluded;

- (c) "container" means :

an article of transport equipment (lift-van, movable tank or other similar structure) :

- (i) fully or partially enclosed to constitute a compartment intended for containing goods,
- (ii) of a permanent character and accordingly strong enough to be suitable for repeated use,
- (iii) specially designed to facilitate the carriage of goods, by one or more modes of transport, without intermediate reloading,
- (iv) designed for ready handling, particularly when being transferred from one mode of transport to another,
- (v) designed to be easy to fill and to empty, and
- (vi) having an internal volume of one cubic meter or more.

"container" shall include the accessories and equipment of the container, appropriate for the type concerned, provided that such accessories and equipment are carried with the container. The term "container" shall not include vehicles, accessories or spare parts of vehicles, or packaging or pallets. "Demountable bodies" shall be regarded as containers;

- (d) "pallet" means :

a device on the deck of which a quantity of goods can be assembled to form a unit load for the purpose of transporting it, or of handling or stacking it with the assistance of mechanical

appliances. This device is made up of two decks separated by bearers, or of a single deck supported by feet; its overall height is reduced to the minimum compatible with handling by fork lift trucks or pallet trucks; it may or may not have a superstructure;

(e) "samples" means :

articles which are representative of a particular category of goods already produced or are examples of goods the production of which is contemplated, but does not include identical articles brought in by the same individual, or sent to a single consignee, in such quantity that, taken as a whole, they no longer constitute samples under ordinary commercial usage;

(f) "advertising films" means :

recorded visual media, with or without sound track, consisting essentially of images showing the nature or operation of products or equipment put up for sale or hire by a person established or resident outside the territory of temporary admission, provided that the films are of a kind suitable for exhibition to prospective customers but not for general exhibition to the public; and are imported in a packet which contains not more than one copy of each film and which does not form part of a larger consignment of films;

(g) "internal traffic" means :

the carriage of goods loaded in the Customs territory of a Contracting Party for unloading at a place within the Customs territory of the same Contracting Party.

CHAPTER II

Scope

Article 2

The following goods imported in connection with a commercial operation shall be granted temporary admission in accordance with Article 2 of this Convention :

- (a) packings which are imported filled for re-exportation empty or filled, or are imported empty for re-exportation filled;
- (b) containers, whether or not filled with goods, and accessories and equipment for temporarily admitted containers, which are either imported with a container to be re-exported separately or with another container, or are imported separately to be re-exported with a container;
- (c) component parts intended for the repair of containers granted temporary admission under Item (b) of this Article;
- (d) pallets;
- (e) samples;
- (f) advertising films;
- (g) any other goods imported for any of the purposes listed at Appendix I to this Annex in connection with a commercial operation but whose importation does not in itself constitute a commercial operation.

CHAPTER III

Miscellaneous provisions

Article 3

The provisions of this Annex do not affect the Customs legislation of Contracting Parties in respect of the importation of goods carried in containers or packings, or on pallets.

Article 4

1. For the facilities granted by this Annex to apply :
 - (a) packings can be re-exported only by the person to whom the temporary admission facilities were granted. They shall not, even occasionally, be used in internal traffic;
 - (b) containers must be marked in the manner prescribed in Appendix II to this Annex. They may be used for the carriage of goods in internal traffic, in which case each Contracting Party shall be entitled to impose the following conditions :
 - the journey shall bring the container by a reasonably direct route to, or nearer to, the place where export cargo is to be loaded or from where the container is to be exported empty;
 - the container will be used only once in internal traffic before being re-exported;
 - (c) pallets or an equal number of pallets of the same type and substantially the same value must have been previously exported or will be subsequently exported or re-exported;
 - (d) samples and advertising films must be owned by a person established or resident outside the territory of temporary admission and must be imported solely for the purpose of being shown or demonstrated in the territory of temporary admission, for the soliciting of orders for goods to be imported into that territory. They may not be sold or put to normal use except for the purposes of demonstration, or used in any way for hire or reward while in the territory of temporary admission;
 - (e) the goods referred to in Items 1 and 2 of Appendix I to this Annex shall not be used for gainful activity.
2. Each Contracting Party shall have the right to refuse temporary admission to containers, pallets or packings which have been the subject of purchase, hire-purchase, lease or a contract of a similar nature, concluded by a person established or resident in its territory.

Article 5

1. Temporary admission of containers, pallets and packings shall be granted without a Customs document or security being required.
2. In lieu of a Customs document and security for containers, the person to whom the temporary admission facilities are granted may be required to undertake in writing :
 - (i) to supply to the Customs authorities, at their request, detailed information concerning the movements of each container granted temporary admission including the dates

and places of entry into and exit from the territory of temporary admission; or a list of containers with an undertaking to re-export,

- (ii) to pay such import duties and taxes as may be required in cases where the conditions of temporary admission have not been fulfilled.
3. In lieu of a Customs document and security for pallets and packings, the person to whom the temporary admission facilities are granted may be required to produce to the Customs authorities a written undertaking to re-export.
 4. Persons who regularly use the temporary admission procedure shall be authorized to provide a general undertaking.

Article 6

The period for the re-exportation of goods imported in connection with a commercial operation shall be at least six months from the date of temporary admission.

Article 7

Each Contracting Party shall have the right to enter a reservation, in accordance with Article 29 of this Convention, in respect of :

- a) no more than three groups of goods listed in Article 2;
- (b) Article 5, paragraph 1; of this Annex.

Article 8

The Appendices to this Annex shall be construed to be an integral part thereof.

Article 9

Upon its entry into force this Annex shall, in accordance with Article 27 of this Convention, terminate and replace the following Conventions and provisions :

- European Convention on Customs treatment of pallets used in international transport, Geneva, 9 December 1960
- Customs Convention on the temporary importation of packings, Brussels, 6 October 1960
- Articles 2-11 and Annexes 1 (paragraphs 1 and 2) -3 to the Customs Convention on Containers, Geneva, 2 December 1972
- Articles 3, 5 and 6 (1.b and 2) to the International Convention to facilitate the importation of commercial samples and advertising material, Geneva, 7 November 1952

in relations between the Contracting Parties which have accepted this Annex and are Contracting Parties to those Conventions.

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APPENDIX I

List of goods under Article 2 (g)

1. Goods imported for testing, checking, experiments or demonstrations.
2. Goods for use in testing, checking, experiments or demonstrations.
3. Printed and developed cinematographic film, positives and other recorded image-bearing media intended for viewing prior to their commercial use.
4. Films, magnetic tapes, magnetized films and other sound- or image-bearing media intended for sound tracking, dubbing or reproduction.
5. Data-carrying media, sent free of charge, for use in automatic data processing.
6. Articles (including vehicles) which, by their nature, are unsuitable for any purpose other than advertising of specific articles or publicity for a specific purpose.

ANNEX B.5.

ANNEX CONCERNING GOODS IMPORTED FOR EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC OR CULTURAL PURPOSES

CHAPTER I

Definitions

Article 1

For the purposes of this Annex :

- (a) the term "goods imported for educational, scientific or cultural purposes" means :

scientific equipment, pedagogic material, welfare material for seafarers, and any other goods imported in connection with educational, scientific or cultural activities;

- (b) in paragraph (a) above :

- (i) the term "scientific equipment and pedagogic material" means :

any models, instruments, apparatus, machines or accessories therefor used for purposes of scientific research or educational or vocational training;

- (ii) the term "welfare material for seafarers" means :

material for the pursuit of cultural, educational, recreational, religious or sporting activities by persons charged with duties in connection with the working or service at sea of a foreign ship engaged in international maritime traffic.

Illustrative lists of "pedagogic material", "welfare material for seafarers" and "any other goods imported in connection with educational, scientific or cultural activities" are reproduced at Appendices I, II and III, respectively, to this Annex.

CHAPTER II

Scope

Article 2

The following goods shall be granted temporary admission in accordance with Article 2 of this Convention :

- (a) goods imported exclusively for educational, scientific or cultural purposes;
- (b) spare parts for scientific equipment and pedagogic material which has been granted temporary admission under paragraph (a) above, and tools specially designed for the maintenance, checking, gauging or repair of such equipment.

CHAPTER III

Miscellaneous provisions

Article 3

For the facilities granted by this Annex to apply :

- (a) goods imported for educational, scientific or cultural purposes must be owned by a person established outside the territory of temporary admission and must be imported by approved institutions in reasonable quantities having regard to the purpose of the importation. They must not be used for commercial purposes;
- (b) welfare material for seafarers must be used on board foreign ships engaged in international maritime traffic, or must be unloaded from the ship to be temporarily used ashore by the crew, or must be imported for use in hostels, clubs or recreation centres for seafarers, managed either by official organizations or by religious or other non-profit making organizations, and places of worship where services for seafarers are regularly held.

Article 4

Temporary admission of scientific equipment, pedagogic material and welfare material for seafarers used on board ships shall be granted without a Customs document or security being required. Where necessary, an inventory together with a written undertaking to re-export, may be required for scientific equipment and pedagogic material.

Article 5

The period for the re-exportation of goods imported for educational, scientific or cultural purposes shall be at least twelve months from the date of temporary admission.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party shall have the right to enter a reservation, in accordance with Article 29 of this Convention, in respect of the provisions of Article 4 of this Annex, insofar as they relate to scientific equipment and pedagogic material.

Article 7

The Appendices to this Annex shall be construed to be an integral part thereof.

Article 8

Upon its entry into force this Annex shall, in accordance with Article 27 of this Convention, terminate and replace the Customs Convention on welfare material for seafarers, Brussels, 1 December 1964, the Customs Convention on the temporary importation of scientific equipment, Brussels, 11 June 1968, and the Customs Convention on the temporary importation of pedagogic material, Brussels, 8 June 1970, in relations between the Contracting Parties which have accepted this Annex and are Contracting Parties to those Conventions.

APPENDIX I

Pedagogic material

Illustrative list

(a) Sound or image recorders or reproducers, such as :

- Slide and filmstrip projectors;
- Cinematographic projectors;
- Back-projectors and episcopes;
- Magnetophones, magnetoscopes and video equipment;
- Closed-circuit television equipment.

(b) Sound and image media, such as :

- Slides, filmstrips and microfilms;
- Cinematographic films;
- Sound recordings (magnetic tapes, discs);
- Videotapes.

(c) Specialized material, such as :

- Bibliographic equipment and audio-visual material for libraries;
- Mobile libraries;
- Language laboratories;
- Simultaneous interpretation equipment;
- Programmed teaching machines, mechanical or electronic;
- Material specially designed for the educational or vocational training of handicapped persons.

(d) Other material, such as :

- Wall charts, models, graphs, maps, plans, photographs and drawings;
- Instruments, apparatus and models designed for demonstrational purposes;
- Collections of items with visual or audio pedagogic information, prepared for the teaching of a subject (study kits);
- Instruments, apparatus, tools and machine-tools for learning a trade or craft;
- Equipment, including specially adapted or designed vehicles for use in relief operations, which is imported for the training of persons involved in relief operations.

APPENDIX II

Welfare material for seafarers

Illustrative list

(a) Reading material, such as :

- Books;
- Correspondence courses;
- Newspapers, journals and periodicals;
- Pamphlets on welfare facilities in ports.

(b) Audio-visual material, such as :

- Sound and image reproducing instruments;
- Tape-recorders;
- Radio sets, television sets;
- Cinematographic and other projectors;
- Recordings on tapes or discs (language courses, radio programmes, greetings, music and entertainment);
- Films, exposed and developed;
- Film slides;
- Videotapes.

(c) Sports gear, such as :

- Sports wear;
- Balls;
- Rackets and nets;
- Deck games;
- Athletic equipment;
- Gymnastic equipment.

(d) Hobby material, such as :

- Indoor games;
- Musical instruments;
- Material for amateur dramatics;
- Materials for painting, sculpture, woodwork and metalwork, carpet making, etc.

(e) Equipment for religious activities.

(f) Parts and accessories for welfare material.

APPENDIX III

**Any other goods imported in connection with educational,
scientific or cultural activities**

Illustrative list

Goods, such as :

1. Costumes and scenery items sent on loan free of charge to dramatic societies or theatres;
2. Music scores sent on loan free of charge to music theatres or orchestras.