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THE CUSTOMS (POSTAL AND COURIER PARCELS) REGULATIONS 2015 made by the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him under section 258 of the Customs (Control and Management) Act, 2013.

1. Short title

(1) These regulations may be cited as the Customs (Postal and Courier Parcels) Regulations, 2015.

(2) These regulations apply to all postal parcels irrespective of the value and non-commercial courier parcels of a value not exceeding EC\$270.00.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“postal parcel” means a package of goods, articles or documents that are imported through the postal service

“courier parcel” means a non-commercial package of goods, articles or documents of a value not exceeding EC\$ 270.00.

“prohibited and or restricted goods” mean goods and articles mentioned in the Schedule

“export benefit” means any waiver of duty or taxes or any preferential treatment that is realized by the exportation of the goods

3. Entry for purposes of Postal or Courier Parcels.

(1) Imported goods or articles, packaged in a postal or courier parcel with accompanying label or declaration, describing goods, or the articles, and the quantity and value of such good or articles shall be considered to be an ‘Entry’ for the purposes of section 35 of the Customs (Control and Management) Act, 2013.

(2) Entry of a parcel not falling within the definition of courier parcel in regulation 2, shall be submitted in accordance with the Act using the prescribed declaration form.

4. Prohibited and Restricted Goods and Articles

(1) A person shall not import—

(a) prohibited goods,

(b) restricted goods without a permit, and

(c) consumable and other articles through the postal or courier service

(2) A person who imports prohibited good or restricted goods without permit commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of EC\$10,000.00 or three times the value of the goods whichever is higher, and in addition the goods shall be forfeited.

5. Exemption of Postal and Courier Parcels

(1) A non-commercial postal or a courier parcel, which does not contain any prohibited or restricted goods or articles, and of which the customs duty and taxes payable on such goods or articles are less than EC\$135.00, is exempt from such duties and taxes.

(2) Customs duties and taxes shall not be paid on a postal or courier parcel—

(a) sent from Antigua and Barbuda and returned undelivered;

(b) containing a gift from overseas of which the value is not more than EC\$270.00; provided that such package does not contain prohibited or restricted goods or articles.

(3) Where the value of any gift exceeds the allowable value of EC\$270.00, customs duties and taxes shall be paid on the value of the contents of the parcel.

(4) For the purposes of this section, postal charges or airfreight shall not be taken into account in calculating the allowable value of the gift.

(5) The onus lies on the receiver to prove that the postal or courier parcel is a gift intended for him.

6. Commercial Postal and Courier Parcels.

Applicable duties and taxes shall be levied on postal and courier parcels containing goods and articles of commercial nature.

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Regulation 2

Prohibited and Restricted Goods and Articles

1 Firearms of all kinds, cartridges, parts and accessories of firearms and ammunition of all kind.
2 Radioactive substances and chemicals used in manufacture of chemical weapons, explosives, holding containers for these materials and/or related apparatus and gadgetry.
3. Swords including ornamental swords, cutlasses and other offensive weaponry
4. Cigarettes exceeding 200 or cigars/cigarillos exceeding 50 or tobacco exceeding 250 grams
5. Alcoholic liquor or wines
6. Drugs and psychotropic substances in any form or quantities.
7. Pharmaceutical Preparations and Drugs without valid prescriptions and or licenses
8. Banned Agricultural and Horticultural Products
9. Banned Wildlife and Live animals
10. Gold, Silver, Diamonds, Platinum and other precious metals in any form other than ornaments

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Made the 18th day of December, 2015.

Hon. Gaston A. Browne,
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Customs and Excise Division.*