

BERMUDA STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

CUSTOMS (PASSENGERS' BAGGAGE) REGULATIONS 1943

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brought into operation on 1 April 1943]*

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Entry

1 All articles entitled to be considered as passengers' baggage, brought to Bermuda at the same time with any passenger to whom they appertain, shall be inspected by a customs officer, and may be landed on a Sunday or any other day, and be taken away without entry by or for such passenger; and all articles of worn clothing belonging to any passenger, imported into Bermuda subsequently to such passenger's arrival, shall be delivered under the same regulations as if brought with the passenger, a report of such importation being first made at the office of the Collector of Customs.

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Landing

2 No passengers' baggage shall be landed except in the presence of a customs officer and at such wharf or wharves as may be set apart for the purpose.

Customs supervision

3 All passengers' baggage, until the delivery thereof, shall be under the control of the Customs Department at the Port of Hamilton or the Port of St. George's as the case may be.

Posting of Tariff

4 There shall be conspicuously posted up in the places set aside for the examination of passengers' baggage copies of the Customs Tariff in force for the time being.

Notice

5 Before examination the customs officer shall put to each passenger, or the person acting on his behalf, the following questions: "Have you on your person, in your possession, or in your baggage any dutiable articles such as wines, spirits, cigars, tobacco in any form, firearms or merchandise or any goods not bona fide your property or other goods liable to customs duty?" or "Has the owner of the baggage on [blank] person or in [blank] possession, or in [blank] baggage any dutiable articles, etc.?" according to whether the passenger himself or an agent attends for the examination of the baggage.

Examination of baggage

6 The customs officer shall use his discretion as to the number of packages of each passenger's baggage which he opens and examines.

Payment of duty

7 (1) If any baggage contains any article liable to duty, duly brought to the notice of the customs officer by the passenger or agent, such article shall, subject to the discretion of the customs officer, be detained until the duty payable thereon is paid.

(2) In delivering any baggage containing dutiable articles prior to payment of duty the customs officer will be held responsible for the due collection of duty payable in respect of any article or articles in such baggage.

Receipts

8 Customs officers shall issue receipts for all duties received by them the person paying the duty being required to sign the counterfoil to be retained by the customs officer.

Weekly account

9 Customs officers shall every week bring to account on the

proper form of entry all duties received by them in respect of passengers' baggage and pay the amount into the hands of the Collector of Customs.

Reporting of undeclared articles

10 (1) If any article liable to duty, not duly declared to by any passenger or agent, is found in such passenger's baggage, all of such baggage shall be detained and a report at once made to the customs officer who shall immediately make enquiries from the passenger or his agent as to his failure to declare to the article.

(2) Should the explanation afforded be, in the opinion of the customs officer, unsatisfactory, he shall refuse to accept the duty or authorize the delivery of the passenger's baggage and at once report the matter to the Collector of Customs.

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