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- (c) Goods owned and imported by a contractor for use on a contract in Zambia
- (d) Goods owned and imported by temporary residents
- (e) Goods owned and imported by dependants of temporary residents

### **How are taxes determined under partial relief from duties?**

Determination of Value for Duty Purposes (VDP) on temporary admissions that qualify for partial relief is as follows;

- For goods imported under hire, lease or contract, the value for duty purposes is the total rental or lease charges paid or payable adjusted in accordance with the (5th) fifth schedule to the Customs and Excise Act.
- For goods imported under related party arrangements or goods owned or imported by a contractor for use on a contract in Zambia, the value for duty purpose is based on a depreciated value. In this case, the value will be proportionate to the duration of stay in Zambia. The maximum life span for the purposes of depreciation is 5 years.

### **What are some of the Temporary Importations that qualify for total conditional relief from duties and taxes?**

The goods that may be allowed total relief from taxes include;

- (a) Goods for display or use at exhibition, fairs, meetings or similar events
- (b) Professional equipment as defined under these rules.
- (c) Goods imported for educational, scientific or cultural purposes
- (d) Goods imported as frontier traffic

These goods shall not be

- (a) Loaned or used in any way for hire or any form of compensation.
- (b) Removed from the place of the event without prior written consent from Customs
- (c) Sold without the consent from Customs and payment of taxes due

## **CLEARANCE OF GOODS TEMPORARILY IMPORTED INTO ZAMBIA**

## Scope

Section 89 of the Customs and Excise Act and Regulation 78 of the Customs and Excise (General) Regulation 2000 stipulate that a rebate or remission of duty in respect of goods temporarily imported into Zambia shall be granted for the duration of stay that does not exceed the period authorized by the Commissioner General.

## Who is eligible to apply for Temporal Importation of goods?

Any person, natural or corporate, is eligible to apply for authority to temporarily import goods into Zambia. The goods, upon which an application for temporary importation is made, should be owned by a person or company resident outside Zambia.

## How does one apply for a Temporary Importation Permit (TIP)?

An application for authority to temporarily import goods is made in writing in the prescribed Form (TIP 0001). The form can be obtained from any Customs House.

## What information should be included when applying for a TIP?

Every application made should include information relating to the following:

- (a) Physical address of the applicant or importer if applicant is different from importer
- (b) Reasons for the request for temporary importation
- (c) Duration of stay for the goods to be temporarily imported
- (d) Identification details for the goods to be temporarily imported
- (e) Terms and conditions under which goods to be temporarily imported will be sourced from the supplier (if on lease or hire)
- (f) Form of security for Duties and Taxes to be provided (where required by customs)

## What sort of documentation is required to accompany an application for TIP?

An application should be accompanied by the following -

- (a) Copies of invoices (where applicable)
- (b) Temporary exportation documents from the country of exportation
- (c) Relevant permits (where applicable)
- (d) Documents supporting the nature of business transaction between the exporter and importer such as, lease agreement and contracts
- (e) Ownership documents such as copies of property registration book. (where applicable)

## How is the submission of applications done?

Completed application forms should be submitted to the Station Manager of the intended Port of entry and should be received, at least, five (5) days before the intended date of arrival.

## What is the maximum allowable duration for goods to remain in Zambia?

The maximum period allowed for goods to remain in Zambia under Temporal Importation is twelve (12) months

Is there provision for extension when a TIP expires?

Upon expiry, a client who intends to extend the duration of the TIP needs to make an application to the Commissioner General who may extend the maximum allowable period for goods imported for developmental programs for not more than 12 twelve months.

For periods within 12 months, the Commissioner may extend the period initially fixed upon written request by the client with reasons deemed valid by Customs. The period of all extensions including the initial period shall not exceed 12 months.

## What happens when goods remain in the country after expiry of a TIP?

Any goods that remain in the country beyond the authorized period are liable to payment of full duties in addition to a fine of 3000 fee units per day or part thereof.

Are there duties applicable on goods imported under the Temporal Import regime?

Some goods attract partial duties and taxes while others do not. The distinction is based on, among other considerations, the economic benefit of the activity required; how specialised such goods could be, ownership and other relevant condition under which such goods are imported.

## What are some of the Temporal Importations that qualify for Partial relief from Duties and Taxes?

Goods imported under the following conditions are admitted with partial conditional relief from import duties -

- (a) Goods imported under hire, lease or contract;
- (b) Goods for commercial use other than professional equipment, imported under related party arrange-