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Ministry of Finance
National Board of Revenue

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From: Shah A. Hannan
First Secretary (Customs).

To: (1) The Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, Chittagong
(2) The Commissioner of Customs & Excise, Dhaka
(3) The Commissioner of Customs & Excise, Chittagong
(4) The Deputy commissioner of Customs, Chalna Customs House, Khulna

Subject: Exemption of duties and taxes on imports by the United Nations, UN Bodies and Specialized Agencies of the United Nations for their officials use.

I am directed to state that it has been brought to the notice of the Board by the UNDP, that there is some confusion in some of the offices of the Customs Department as to whether duties and taxes are leviable on the imports of the United Nations, U.N. Bodies and U. N/ specialized Agencies for their official use.

It is hereby clarified that the United Nations, U.N. Bodies and U.N. Specialized Agencies are exempt from payment of all kinds of import duties and taxes on imports made for their official use under the Conventions on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized agencies, Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Bangladesh and the United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1948 (Act No. XX of 1948) as adapted in Bangladesh.

You may, therefore, allow clearance of all imports made by the aforesaid organizations for their official use without charging any import duty or tax.

The names of the U.N. Bodies and of the U.N. Specialized agencies are given below.

U.N. and U.N. Bodies :

United Nations Headquarter
United Nations Office, Geneva

ECE Economic Commission for Europe
ECAFE Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
ECLA Economic Commission for Latin America
ECA Economic Commission for Africa
UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNEP United Nations Environment Programme
UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

UNDP United Nations Development Programme
UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNITAR United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNRWA United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNRISD United Nations Research Institute for Special Development
UNJSPFZ United Nations Staff Pension Fund
ICSAB Internations Civil Service Advisory Board
JIU Joint Inspection Unit
IOB Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems and Related Activities
WFP World Food Programme (Joint United Nations / FAO Programme)

U. N. Specialized Agencies:

ILO International Labour Organization
FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
WHO World Health Organization
IBRD International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
IDA International Development Association
IFC International Finance Corporation
IMF International Monetary Fund
ICAO International Civil Aviation (Organization)

UPU Universal Postal Union
ITU International Telecommunication Union
WMO World Meteorological Organization
IMCO Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization

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