

Minister of Finance

Policy guidelines for the approval of goods in an approved organization notice

CPC 4236 (Goods for international organizations)

These policy guidelines are issued by the Minister of Finance pursuant to the requirements of Customs Procedure Code (CPC) 4236 of the Fifth Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act 1970.

Duty relief for goods for international organizations

Duty relief is available for goods for approved organizations under CPC 4236 on condition that qualifying goods must be imported for and used only for the purposes of an approved organization.

In CPC 4236—

“approved organization” means an international organization approved by the Minister by notice published in the Gazette

“international organization” means an association of States established by a treaty, possessing a constitution and common organs and having a legal personality distinct from that of the member States

Policy guidelines for the approval of goods for the purposes of CPC 4236

The Minister will decide the description and quantity of goods to be approved in any approved organization notice made under CPC 4236 on a case by case basis, and in accordance with the following policy criteria:

1. The description of goods approved must be appropriate to the particular mission of the relevant approved organization.
2. Approved goods may include—
 - a) raw materials
 - b) mixtures or combinations of materials or substances
 - c) finished goods (whether or not presented unassembled or disassembled)
 - d) incomplete or unfinished goods
 - e) composite goods consisting of different materials or made up of different components or modular parts
3. Approved goods must be in a quantity appropriate to the scale of activities of the relevant approved organization in Bermuda.
4. The quantity of approved goods may take account of normal wastage in processing, construction or installation; damage; natural deterioration; wear and tear; or obsolescence.
5. In deciding the grant or scope of relief, the Minister may take account of —

- a) other available or granted drawbacks, exemptions, reliefs, remissions and concessions.
 - b) other assistance received from Government or other organizations, such as grants or duty deferments.
6. The Minister may tailor the scope of relief to address any potential mischief such as the unwanted or unintended effect of any special duty rate.
 7. The Minister will treat similar organizations equitably, subject nevertheless to the foregoing criteria.

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