

THE COUNCIL

Having regard to Article 13 (a) of the Convention for European Economic Co-operation of 16th April 1948;

Having regard to the Decision of the Council of 27th April 1954, concerning Measures for the Relaxation of Customs Regulations in favour of Tourists and, in particular, to paragraph 2 A of Section I of that Decision;

Considering that the above Decision will cease to be in force as from 1st February 1955;

DECIDES :

I

1. Member Countries shall grant as a minimum the following customs facilities *for tourists living in an Associated country or any other distant overseas country*;

(a) Transit in the traveller's luggage, with no other formality than verbal declaration, of souvenirs of a non-commercial nature, up to a total value of 500 United States dollars, provided that there is no reason to suspect abuse; toilet waters up to 1/2 litre and perfume up to 50 grammes in unbroken packings shall be regarded as souvenirs.

(b) Waiving of export licences or duties on souvenirs carried on the person of or in the luggage accompanying the tourist, of a total value not exceeding 500 United States dollars, provided that they are not intended for commercial purposes and that there is no reason to suspect abuse of currency or customs regulations.

(c) Within the limit of 500 grammes, import free of duty in hand luggage, for personal use, of up to 400 cigarettes, or of cigars, or of tobacco, or of an assortment of these products.

(d) Import free of duty in hand luggage, for personal use, of up to 2 opened or unopened bottles of wine or spirits of normal size and of different types, i.e. 1 bottle of wine and 1 of spirits.

2. Member countries shall give authorisation to tourists *living in a Member Country and making a temporary stay in another Member Country* to import in transit, and without a temporary importation permit, souvenirs for a total value not exceeding 100 United States dollars, provided that such souvenirs are carried on the person of or in the luggage accompanying the tourist and that they are not intended for commercial purposes.

II

1. The Austrian and Swedish Governments will apply the provisions of paragraph 1, subparagraphs (a) and (b), only within the limit of a total not exceeding 400 United States dollars.

2. The Danish and Swedish Governments will apply the provisions of paragraph 2 only within the limit of a total not exceeding 50 United States dollars.

3. The Austrian, Danish and Swedish Governments will inform the Organisation of the date on which they will be able to give full effect to the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Section.

III

1. This Decision shall come into force as from 1st February 1955, except as provided in paragraph 2 below, and shall remain in force for three years.

2. The Norwegian and Turkish Governments will inform the Organisation of the date on which they will be able to apply this Decision. Until that date the Norwegian and Turkish Governments will continue to apply the provisions of Section I, paragraph 2 (A) and Section II of the Decision of the Council of 27th April 1954, referred to above, notwithstanding the provisions of Section III of that Decision.

In adopting this Decision, the Council CONFIRMED that the interpretation⁽¹⁾ given with respect to the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Section I of the Decision of the Council of 27th April 1954, concerning Measures for the Relaxation of Customs Regulations in favour of Tourists, remained valid for paragraph 1 of Section I of this Decision.