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EXECUTIVE MEMO, CORRESPONDENCE  
DEC. 1944 - MAY 1945; MAR. 1946

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C SO: I have read the new draft (folios 10-12) & find no objections. Sec. 3(A) has been changed according to the objection raised. Paragraphs referring to "Special Treatment of Certain Imported Goods" "Commercial Air & Frontier Traffic" have been excluded. Finance S.C. should have comments from all (see folios) by 25/12/41. In view of minute 8, the final draft should clear C in C.M.S. JPH 20/12

20/12. JPH

(But when finally approved) will

17.

C SO: for C of S issue p. 16. Will endeavor to liaise with Mr Bell's Econ. Sect. New revised Econ. Sect. memo # 83 is being prepared. see p. 13. JPH 23/12 Econ. Sect. know of Mr. Bell's presence on duty with Shipping S.C. (page 16)

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C SO: Letter of reply to p. 16 for C of S info and signature. JPH 23/12

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DCOS, Econ. Sect. Please note folio 13 foot-note. It is decided that a marked draft (from Finance S.C.) be forwarded this office earliest minutes to this file, showing objections, etc. raised by others. JPH 21/12

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C SO All replies to B 62/F. 10 Dec 41 (see folio 13) have not yet been received. As soon as they are all in, a marked draft will be sent to you

Edith. naps  
Finance S.C. (page 16)  
JPH 22/12

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Copy a memo 139 taken for file 33/cos  
 cos. By (138) note attached, 1's para objected  
 to 3 A1 on 135 (file 33/cos)  
 Col. Gifford's letter is missing an explanation  
 of char. which he contacts in a  
 remainder standing of the working - per file 33  
 Copies refer to you  
 Signed GS 11/2

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Col - a pretty strong reply to Westbrook's signed at 3 is  
 submitted for your signature by Col. Gifford Smith. I  
 think this reply is justified. If you approve it with the  
 answer the CC's query which is attached to 3.

15/12.

I

Chief Consultant.

You raised a query on Page 1 as to my Executive Secretariat No. 33  
 was not coordinated with C-13-C, C-13-C, and C-13-C. You will see Colonel  
 Gifford-Smith's explanation on Page 1. As the Executive Secretariat  
 raised no new point this had not already been agreed to, there was no point  
 in referring to Executive C-13-C, C-13-C, and C-13-C. From 1/10 of the memorandum,  
 however, is already submitted and C-13-C, C-13-C, and C-13-C is the only  
 interpretation, hence their telegram.

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cc 1152

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submitted for your signature  
 think this reply is justified. If you approve it will also  
 answer the C.C.'s query which is attached to 3.

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I

Chief Constable

You raised a query on Page 3 as to the position regarding the  
 and not connected with the C.C.'s, and the C.C.'s. You will see below  
 the C.C.'s' explanation on Page 3. In the C.C.'s' explanation  
 it is stated that they had not already been advised by the C.C.'s  
 as indicated by the C.C.'s' explanation on Page 3. The C.C.'s' explanation  
 however, is all right, and the C.C.'s' explanation is all right.  
 In the C.C.'s' explanation, before their explanation.

11/5/2

15. Dec. 1944  
 cc 11/5/2  
 16/12

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(of 5 -  
 In view of misinterpretation, I still  
 intend that the wisdom of coordination  
 is indicated. The new Head should be  
 reviewed by naval authorities before release  
 plus

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Deos Ecan Secy (C.F.A.)

Letter to issue

cc of Secy  
 17/12/44  
 D. J. L. L. L.

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IMPORTANT

HQ, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, 13 CORPS  
(FOR ACTION: HQ ALCOM)

MAR 11 1946

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135 ph 33/EC  
UNCLASSIFIED:

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM NO 83. YOUR HQ DATED 23 JANUARY 45, REFERS. PLEASE  
CONFIRM POLICY OUTLINES THEREIN STILL APPLICABLE AND IF NOT FORWARD DETAILS OF  
PRESENT POLICY.

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ACTION: ~~CHIEF COMMISSIONER~~ *FINANCE S/C*

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
E.C.  
FILE 2  
Econ SEC  
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10 MAR 1946

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ALCON FOR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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Request six more copies your EXSC Memo 77/45 for distribution field security sections. Appreciate early reply

DISTRIBUTION:  
Action: ~~as per~~ *After*  
Info: A/President  
Chief Commissioner  
File 2  
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*Message Centre  
noted of change of action.*

HEADQUARTERS  
11 MAY 1945  
A. C.

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FA  
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TO : HQ AC (Office of the Executive Commissioner)  
FROM : HQ AMG Umbria-Marche Region  
SUBJECT : A.C. Publications  
REF : R5/504/B  
DATE : 24 April 1945

1. Reference your 34/21/EC dated 19 April 1945 and further to this office letter of even number dated 16 April 45, enclosed please find files of the following AC publications:-

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Establishment Memorandum | 2 Files |
| Office Memorandum        | 3 Files |
| Executive Orders         | 6 Files |
| Executive Memorandum     | 2 File  |

2. A list of the contents is included with each file for your reference and assistance.

For the Regional Commissioner:

*J. B. Thornhill*  
J. B. Thornhill  
Colonel, Infantry  
Deputy Regional Commissioner

TC/rwh

*(P1A)*

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Ref : 478201

19 April 1945

Ref/3/21/50.

SUBJECT : Publications.

TO : R.C., Ustria-Marche Region.

1. Reference your 15/4/45 dated 16 April 1945.
2. The spare copies of Memoranda referred to in your para 1 will undoubtedly be found useful.
3. Their return will be appreciated.

*[Signature]* Colonel,  
Acting Executive Commissioner.

*see 25*

PA *[initials]*  
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TO: HQ A.C. (For Office of the Executive Commissioner).  
FROM: HQ AMG Umbria Marche Region.  
SUBJECT: Allied Commissioner Orders. APR 18 REC'D  
REF: RS/504/B  
DATE: 16 Apr 45.

1. With the closing down of the Abruzzi Provinces this HQ is now in possession of a number of file copies of the following:-

Executive Orders.  
Executive Memorandum.  
Establishments. Memorandum  
Office Memorandum.

2. Will you please state if these spare copies would be of use to you for distribution to Northern Regions.

For the Regional Commissioner:

*J.B. Thornhill*  
J.B. THORNHILL,  
Colonel,  
Deputy Regional Commissioner.

TG/tak.

2000000000  
18 APR 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 34/19/20

9 March 1945.

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM )  
NUMBER 60/1944 ) : Amendment No.1

DESCRIPTIONS OF ITALIAN TERRITORY

Executive Memorandum No.60 dated 19 May 1944 is amended as follows:

Insert sub-para 1 (d):

"d) both (a) and (b) together

- Liberated Italy."

*Wharton*  
Brigadier, G-1  
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. 34/18/COS

27 December 1944

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JCB  
B/1  
P/A

Reference your personal letter of 20 Dec regarding coordination of effort on the above subject, I can now assure you that your Liaison Officer, Mr. Bell, will be kept in the picture concerning all shipping matters.

Draft of a revised Executive Memorandum on Customs Duties has been circularised to all of our Sections and Sub Commissions concerned including the Shipping Sub Commission and I have made certain that this latter Sub Commission will discuss the revision in full with Mr. Bell in order to iron out all of the objections raised by W.S.A. and M.W.T. to the original directive.

*JCB*  
for M. S. LUSH

J. Gibson Graham Esq.  
Chairman, Mediterranean Shipping Board  
A. F. H. C.

Copy to: Col Graffety-Smith  
Joint Director,  
Finance Sub Commission.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD  
A.F.H.Q. C.M.F.

20th December, 1944.

23 DEC 1944

Dear Brigadier Lush,

I am trying not to be difficult about these matters, but I did send up to Rome, at some considerable cost in staff, a very intelligent man in Mr. Bell, to act as Liaison Officer with MEDBO. He has been provided with accommodation, and a telephone, by the Allied Commission, and if only these papers could be produced to him, he could get through to me on the telephone, and we could have them co-ordinated at once.

It is a difficult job this shipping, with all its various complications within the Combined Shipping Adjustment Board and their policies, but I can assure you I will do my best to help if you can get your people just to consult Mr. Bell on shipping matters.

*see also file 15 9 17*  
Yours sincerely,  
*W. Henderson*

Brigadier M. Lush,  
Chief of Staff,  
H.Q. A.C.  
Rome.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD,  
H.Q., C.M.F.

20th December, 1944.

To : Chief of Staff, H.Q. A.C.

From : Chairman, MEDBO.

Your Ref: 13062/P

The objections of W.S.A. Representative and the M.W.T. Representative to the original directive were specific in that ambiguity existed as to the extent of the control to be given to Capitaneria di Porto.

It is clearly laid down in this area that when Naval and Military control ceases there shall be a Port Committee for the operation of all ports, under the Chairmanship of either the W.S.A. Representative or the M.W.T. Representative, where one exists. It will be appreciated that it would be unpalatable to either of these organisations to be operating under the control of an Italian Port Captain.

Provided that it is clearly understood that no alteration will be made in the categories of ships affected, or their cargoes, I can see no objection to the new directive.

I would point out, however, that as all Italian merchant ships are controlled by the Allied Authorities, or MEDBO, the directive can really have little effect, with the possible exception of schooners which will, at an early date, be operated by the Italians themselves under the direction of MEDBO.

(Signed) ???????????????

Chairman, Mediterranean Shipping Board.

NOTE:

ORIGINAL LETTER SENT TO  
FINANCE SC 23 Dec 44.

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*[Handwritten signature]*  
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 HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMAND  
 APR 1944  
 PHILIPPINE SUB-COMMISSION

15 December 1944

18 DEC 1944

Ref No: 1362/P

SUBJECT: Executive Memorandum No. 61.  
 Customs Duties - Proposed Revision.

TO: C-5 Section, AFHQ,  
 Chairman, ICCB.

Chief of Staff  
 Jt. Vice Pres., Political Section  
 D/O of Staff, Economic Section

Director, War Materials Division  
 & I. L. W. Sub-Comm.

Director, Commerce Sub-Comm.  
 Food Sub-Comm.  
 Industry Sub-Comm.  
 Labor Sub-Comm.  
 Deputy Chief, War Sub-Comm.  
 Director, Shipping Sub-Comm.  
 Public Affairs Sub-Comm. (Security Div.)  
 Public Affairs Sub-Comm.  
 Transportation Sub-Comm.

1. Circumstances have arisen which render it advisable to revise Executive Memorandum No. 61 on Customs Duties, promulgated in memorandum on 21 Nov. '44. A draft of the proposed version is attached for your approval of a specific indication of any objections you may have.

2. Early publication of the revised Memorandum is desired. The addressees are therefore requested to complete and return the bottom portion of this letter within a week of its receipt.

The Chief Commissioner

Requested a marked draft from Bureau 701

showing signature of Jt. Vice Pres. above signature

We Requested 2 1/2 copies of signature in the protocol

Joint Director,  
 Philippine Sub-Commission.

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1. Control(a) Control of Ports and Ships

(1) The Government of Costa Rica will exercise full control of ports, except those controlled by rivers or following harbors, and of all ships arriving.

(2) Ships of War.

(3) Ships owned or chartered by the United States and ships controlled under contracts by the United States Government (USCG), including ships of the United States Navy, are exempted from the provisions of this article.

(4) Harbors and ports, maritime law, and similar matters, applicable to the ship and its personnel, will be subject to the laws of the country in which the ship is located.

(b) Control of Cargo

(1) The Captain is responsible, under all circumstances, for the safe arrival and departure of the ship and its personnel, including the collection of harbor dues, etc. (2) The Government of Costa Rica is responsible for the revenue control of vessels and their cargoes, and for the revenue protection of the ports and land boundaries.

(3) Cargo on all ships and on all other vessels entering the port is excluded from control by the Government of Costa Rica, and (4) above, will be subject to Customs control unless the Captain certifies that the ship contains cargo which, for security reasons, must not be so controlled.

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(1) Customs officers and officials at Larnaca will be allowed to exercise such exercises as they may deem proper, subject to the command of the British Government without prejudice to reciprocity. Furthermore, they will be allowed to bring goods under their control at the earliest practicable stage thereafter, i.e., at land entry or re-shipment.

(2) Accession by the British Government

(1) The British Government will undertake the naval and military port authorities at ports not yet handed over to the British Government with a view to obtaining their cooperation and authority for the admission of Customs and Excise officials to port areas. It should be stressed that these officials are required as of high integrity and that they are expected to be dedicated and prevention of smuggling and pilferage their knowledge in port areas would check the provisions that of Allied goods and property.

(2) If these authorities refuse to permit the Customs and Excise officials to enter, military controlled areas, arrangements should be made for the revenue control of the prevention of the area for the purpose of detaining and prevent their smuggling and theft of materials.

4. Importation of Goods Imported

(A) To British, French, American or other of any kind and character in goods imported for the use of the Allied Forces, Allied Customs officials employed by them and Allied Forces' welfare organization of an goods imported under Allied and used for distribution free of charge for civilian relief purposes and not for sale. Officers dealing with the latter should give a written certificate to the effect that the goods are for free distribution for civilian relief.

(B) (1) The British Government have agreed to exempt temporarily from all Customs duties, charges and licence fees, all goods imported by the British Government for commercial or civilian use except alcohol, tobacco, mechanical lighters and lighters, flashers, cigarette papers and tubes, matches and petroleum.

(2) Tobacco, mechanical lighters and lighter flints, etc., and tubes must be handed over to the State monopoly.





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been and higher levelled by the existing Indian law, which must be said at the time and in the same prescribed therein.

5. Mission with Customs Officers

Close liaison will be maintained with the Senior Customs Officer at each port. The Director of Finance has agreed that the services of the Customs and Excise at London may be used, wherever required by A/C/AT, on checks, tallying and audit matters. A S H Officer will therefore assist the analysis of the services of those official personnel for such work whenever practicable.

6. Customs on Goods Exported

The statutory expert duties and liaison team will be charged on all goods exported except as when specified in writing by the Allied Officer responsible for shipment to Indian shipping, under Allied auspices, to Allied Government Department.

7. Remarks

All Officers concerned will report to their HQ (Finance Sub-Commission) any matters of doubt or difficulty, any problems of general interest and all instances of serious delay or inefficiency on the part of any Customs Official which may be their notice.

Monthly reports of the Finance Officers should incorporate a complete statement on the progress and the status of Customs work.

Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

Distribution "A"  
Five 500 copies for Finance Sub-Commission.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 39h  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION  
TEL: 478604

13062/P

14 December 1944

SUBJECT: Executive Memorandum No. 83  
Customs Duties.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. Reference Naval Message 061433 December which repeats MWTR Meds'031030 December from Chairman M.E.D.B.O. to HQ. AC.

2. M.E.D.B.O.'s complete rejection of Executive Memorandum No. 83 without any indication of the nature of their objections is neither constructive nor co-operative. It is understood, however, that their objection is to any form of control by Italian officials of shipping owned, operated or controlled by the Allies, an implication of which they appear to have read into the directive. The directive excludes Allied shipping from every form of Italian control. The Italian Minister of Finance agreed to this and instructed the Customs accordingly.

3. To avoid any further possibility of misinterpretation, the Memorandum is being revised.

4. Industry, Commerce and Naval Sub-Commissions and AFHQ. G-5 Section approved the Memorandum. The draft was not submitted to Shipping Sub-Commission because the principle of non-interference by Italian officials with Allied shipping was agreed between Mr. Campbell of M.W.T., Mr. Nicol of W.S.A. and Major W.E. Price of this Sub-Commission some months ago in Naples and implemented in the directive.

5. A suggested reply to M.E.D.B.O. is attached.

*A.P. Frassetto Smith*  
Col.

Joint Director,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

Copies to: Shipping Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF ISRAEL  
APO 194  
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 478733

14 December 1944

Ref: 3002/F

SUBJECT: Executive Memorandum No. 53 - Customs Duties.

TO : Chairman,  
Mediterranean Shipping Board.

1. Ref. M.W.T.R. Mem'a 031030 Dec. repeated in  
Naval Message 051433 of 6 Dec. '44.

2. Your message is devoid of any indication of the nature of your objections which, we presume, are specific. Shipping Sub-Commission have advised us that you object to any form of interference with Allied shipping by Italian officials, an implication of which you have apparently found in the directive. The principle of non-interference by Italian officials was agreed verbally between Mr. Campbell of M.W.T., Mr. Nicol of W.S.A. and Major R.E. Price of the Finance Sub-Commission some months ago in Naples and is, we think, implemented in the directive. Hence it was not considered necessary to submit the draft of the memorandum to the Shipping Sub-Commission. The Naval Sub-Commission had previously approved it. The Italian Minister of Finance agreed to the principle and instructed the relative departments accordingly.

3. To avoid any possibility of misinterpretation and to meet your objections, so far as we know them, the directive is being revised and the draft will be sent to you for your approval.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

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Copies to : Finance Sub-Commission  
Shipping Sub-Commission

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To

Rome OGO

From

Cancara OGO.

S. 12150.

Transmitted - 12/12/44  
Received - 12/12/44

12 DEC 1944

For information.

Following is a repetition of MTR Med's 031030 Dec. begins.

To ARCOM (R) C. in G. Med. From MTR Med. Restricted.

Following from Chairman Mediterranean Shipping Board reference to H.Q. A.C.  
Executive memorandum No 85 dated 24th November 1944. This directive is  
unacceptable to either War Shipping Administration or Ministry of War  
Transport.

=061433.

Dist. Chief Commissioner (2), Executive Director Economic Section, Directorate  
Finance S.C. Director Transportation S.C. Mr. Bell MTR.

P.L.T.P.

T.O.R. 1942

Date 6.12.44.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMS. GR  
APO 324  
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref. 53/136/000

Tel. 451

1 December 1944

SUBJECT: Executive Memorandum No. 83 - 24 Nov 44  
Customs Duties.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Publication of the above Memorandum was recently authorized. Instantly para 1 of the Memorandum was allowed to state:

"Section 5 'Customs' of Executive Memorandum No. 10 dated 12 February 1944 is hereby cancelled".

As a matter of fact Executive Memorandum No. 10 was revised on 4 Sep 44 and as a consequence an amendment will have to be issued to correct the Memorandum published as No. 83.

2. The draft is attached and it is requested that you have same set for signature by the COS. As you will observe the principal correction has to do with para 4 'Customs'.

*cut*  
Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION IN  
APO 394

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1 December 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM )  
: Amendment No. 1  
NUMBER 83 )

CUSTOMS DUTIES

Delete all detail existing para 1 and substitute:

\*1. General

Section 4 "Customs" of Executive Memorandum No. 10  
(revised) dated 4 Sept 44, is hereby cancelled and the following  
instructions are substituted therefor."

Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

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