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EXPORTATION OF PRODUCTS FROM ITALY TO SWITZ-
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SEPT., OCT. 1945

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

GBI.389-506/18-H

1 October 1945.

SUBJECT: Exportation of products from Italy to Switzerland.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
APO. 394., U.S. Army.

1. Reference your AC/14319/PS of 26 September 1945.
2. Instructions have been sent to our Frontier Control organisation to allow the passage of agricultural products from Swiss Owned properties within the Ten Km zone in accordance with the May 16th agreement.
3. This should come into effect within a few days.
4. It is emphasised that this ruling applies only to produce of Swiss-owned properties within the zone.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

TO	DATE	TIME
X DIRECTOR	10/10	6:10
X DEPUTY DIRECTOR	10/10	3:45
X EXEC. OFFICER	10/10	6:10
X POLICE		
X G-2 (CI)	10/10	8:10
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for EARLE B. NICHOLS,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
G-2 (CI) Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800


AC/14319/PS

26 September 1945

SUBJECT : Exportation of products
from Italy to Switzerland.

TO : G-2 (C1) Section, AFHQ.

1. Attached is a note from the Swiss Legation which is forwarded to you for the appropriate action.
2. It appears that the Italian frontier officials have not been informed of the agreement signed between the Swiss Authorities and Maj. Hamblen on May 16, 1945. I understand from the Swiss Legation that steps to straighten out the situation had been taken with the Italian Government by the Swiss Legation but the Italian Government's reply was that it was still an Allied responsibility and that they could not give orders to their Italian officials at the border.
3. The agreement signed by Maj. Hamblen and myself on the 16 of May 1945 in Bern is upholding the already existing agreement between the Swiss and Italian Governments on the subject.
4. I therefore recommend that CIC border control will issue the necessary instructions to the Italian frontier guards.


JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD -
Director.

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N o t e V e r b a l e

The Legation of Switzerland has the honour to inform the Allied Authorities that the Swiss Government has asked this legation to intervene with the competent Allied Authorities in the following matter:

According to informations given by the Swiss Custom Authorities the Italian Custom Authorities do not allow exportation of agricultural products from Swiss owned properties situated in Italian territory within the 10 km zone.

This attitude seems contrary to the Swiss Italian commercial convention as well as to the agreement of May 16th 1945 signed by Major Hamblen (England), Lt. Carl Fehr (U.S.A.) for the Allied Authorities and Mr. Ernest Widmer (Switzerland) for the Swiss Government which in N.2 grants free exportation to Switzerland of Swiss owned agricultural products out of the forementioned 10 km zone.

The Legation of Switzerland would be much obliged to the Allied Authorities if they could give the necessary instructions to the frontier authorities specially in the Valtellina where the wine grapes are going to be harvested in a few days in order to allow the Swiss landowners to bring their harvest into Switzerland according to the regulations drawn up in the forementioned conventions.

Allied Commission,
intention Lt. Carl F e h r.
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The Legation of Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Allied Commission the
senses of its high consideration. 268

Rome, September 26, 1945

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