

## Chapter 5

### Relief consignments

#### Definition

For the purposes of this Chapter:

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“**relief consignments**” means :

- goods, including vehicles and other means of transport, foodstuffs, medicaments, clothing, blankets, tents, prefabricated houses, water purifying and water storage items, or other goods of prime necessity, forwarded as aid to those affected by disaster; and
- all equipment, vehicles and other means of transport, specially trained animals, provisions, supplies, personal effects and other goods for disaster relief personnel in order to perform their duties and to support them in living and working in the territory of the disaster throughout the duration of their mission.

#### Principles

##### 1. Standard

Clearance of relief consignments shall be governed by the provisions of this Chapter and, insofar as applicable, by the provisions of the General Annex.

##### 2. Standard

Clearance of relief consignments for export, transit, temporary admission and import shall be carried out as a matter of priority.

#### Field of application

##### 3. Standard

In the case of relief consignments the Customs shall provide for :

- lodging of a simplified Goods declaration or of a provisional or incomplete Goods declaration subject to completion of the declaration within a specified period;
- lodging and registering or checking of the Goods declaration and supporting documents prior to the arrival of the goods, and their release upon arrival;
- clearance outside the designated hours of business or away from Customs offices and the waiver of any charges in this respect; and
- examination and/or sampling of goods only in exceptional circumstances.

##### 4. Recommended Practice

Clearance of relief consignments should be granted without regard to the country of origin, the country from which arrived or country of destination.

##### 5. Recommended Practice

In the case of relief consignment any economic export prohibitions or restrictions and any export duties or taxes otherwise payable should be waived.

##### 6. Recommended Practice

Relief consignments received as gifts by approved organizations for use by or under the control of such organizations, or for distribution free of charge by them or under their control, should be admitted free of import duties and taxes and free of economic import prohibitions or restrictions.