(c) examine luggage, cargo and vehicles; and

(d) seize articles, which may be returned to the Sending State following consultation between the Parties.

3. For the purposes of paragraph 2, the Visiting Force and the customs authorities of the Receiving State shall assist each other, where necessary, in the conduct of investigations and seizure of articles.

4. Official documents under an official seal of the Sending State shall be inviolable. The package of such official documents shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by the Sending State confirming that only official documents are enclosed.

5. The Visiting Force may import into the Receiving State free of Duty all materials, supplies and equipment for the exclusive and official use of, but at the time of import not intended for sale by, the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component, to the extent permitted by the laws and regulations of the Receiving State. Where required by the authorities of the Receiving State, the Sending State shall submit to the appropriate authorities of the Receiving State necessary documents confirming that such materials, supplies and equipment are being imported for the exclusive and official use of the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component.

6. A member of the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component may import free of Duty reasonable quantities of personal effects, furniture and household goods (other than motor vehicles, cigarettes, cigars, tobacco and alcoholic beverages) (hereinafter referred to collectively as “personal items”) into the Receiving State, to the extent permitted by the laws and regulations of the Receiving State, provided that:

(a) the personal items are imported in compliance with any formalities set by the Receiving State, including where required by the authorities of the Receiving State the submission of necessary documents confirming that the personal items are for private use;

(b) the personal items are imported at the time of his or her first arrival to take up service in the Receiving State or within six months thereafter; and

(c) the personal items remain in his or her use, ownership and possession.

7. A member of the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component may import into the Receiving State one motor vehicle free of Duty provided that the same conditions as set out in paragraph 6 are met, to the extent permitted by the laws and regulations of the Receiving State. There is no obligation under this Article to grant exemption from other taxes payable in respect of such vehicle.

8. Items which have been imported free of Duty under paragraphs 5 to 7:

(a) may be exported free of Duty, provided that the appropriate authorities of the Receiving State may require verification that items exported have been imported under the conditions of paragraphs 5 to 7 as the case may be; and

(b) shall not be disposed of in the Receiving State to persons not entitled to import such items free of Duty unless otherwise authorized by the Receiving State and conducted in compliance with the laws and regulations of the Receiving State, including those concerning liability to pay any Duties payable on the items so disposed of.

9. The exemptions granted in paragraphs 5 to 7 shall apply only to the importation and exportation of items, as the case may be, and shall not be interpreted, in the case of purchases of items in the Receiving State on which Duties have already been collected, as requiring the refund of such Duties.

10. Subject to the other provisions of this Article, the Sending State shall take appropriate measures to ensure that the Visiting Force and the Civilian Component and the members thereof shall pay any Duties and fines due to the Receiving State.