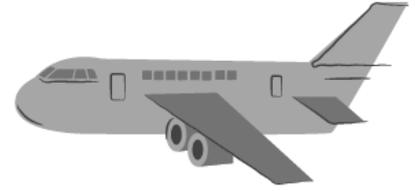


Customs and Excise Authorities control the imports and exports in the UK, collecting customs duties, excise duties and other indirect taxes. Historically they also covered ship registration, import and export licenses, light dues and wrecks, and there was a Customs House in every major Port as well as some smaller Harbours.



Look at this excerpt showing the arrivals and departures from Wick airport for those with goods to declare (CE113/16/8)

**CUSTOMS DECLARATION.**

I.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF AN AIRCRAFT ARRIVING FROM ABROAD (INCLUDING EIRE AND THE CHANNEL ISLANDS FOR THIS PURPOSE) MUST SEE THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE AIRCRAFT'S COMPANY AND EACH PASSENGER MAKES A DECLARATION ON THIS FORM.

ALL ARTICLES ARE LIABLE TO CUSTOMS DUTY, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, AND GOODS OBTAINED ABROAD MUST BE DECLARED HOWEVER SMALL THE QUANTITY AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE BEEN WORN OR USED.

II.

- If the space for "other goods" proves insufficient and additional space is utilised, the next signature should follow on the next vacant line below.
- If a signatory has no goods to declare he must write the word "NIL" after his signature.
- All baggage (personal or otherwise) must be declared to the Customs Officer. It is liable to examination and this declaration does not secure exemption from such examination. The possession or ownership of undeclared (1) dutiable goods, or (2) prohibited or restricted goods, will be dealt with as an attempt to smuggle.
- In law there is no exemption from duty on imported articles or goods however small the quantity. In practice duty is not demanded on small balances of unconsumed dutiable goods brought by a person for his individual use if duly declared and produced to the Customs Officer.

III.

- This Declaration form is to be disposed of as required by the King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions, or Air Ministry Order.

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VENTURA  
Aircraft No. AE 779 Arriving at SKIFFON 18:30 from REYKJAVIK

Arrived 28/10/44. 6:30 pm.

We, the undersigned Commissioned, Subordinate and Warrant Officers, Ratings and passengers declare that we have in our possession respectively as private property or as aircraft stores the quantities of dutiable, etc., goods specified opposite our signatures, and no more, and we respectively undertake that these shall not be removed (nor any portion thereof) without the authority of the Customs Officer.

Signature	Rank, Rating or Description	Tobacco	Cigarettes	Cigars	Spirits Liqueurs or Perfumery	Other goods, etc., acquired abroad—description and quantity or value.	For use by the Customs Officer.
		Lbs.	No.	No.	Galls.		
<i>John J. Rugg F/L</i>	<i>R.C.A.F. X</i>	—	300	6	—	<i>nil.</i>	<i>X R.C.A.F. personnel Said goods for personal use S.R.A.F. personnel Said goods not excise.</i>
<i>A.C. Dunbar F/L</i>	<i>R.C.A.F. X 1/4</i>	—	200	10	—	<i>nil.</i>	
<i>White Fox F/O</i>	<i>RAF</i>	—	180	9	—	<i>nil.</i>	
<i>Booster W/O</i>	<i>R.C.A.F. X</i>	—	300	—	—	<i>nil.</i>	
<i>S. Beckley F/SCT.</i>	<i>R.A.F.</i>	<i>NIL</i>	<i>NIL</i>	6	—	<i>2 PAIRS ART SILK VALUE 10/-</i>	<i>STOCKING # D.P.S. No. 174325 amt. 1/4, Proof. R.G. Wood P.O. 29/10/44.</i>

(a) I certify that the foregoing list contains the names of all Commissioned, Subordinate and Warrant Officers, Ratings and passengers carried on the above aircraft.

(b) I also certify that I have brought in the aircraft \*no } addressed packages (including baggage other than the personal property of the crew and passengers on board).

Date 29/10/44

*John J. Rugg* Officer in Command.

\* Delete "no" or insert number of packages as appropriate.



As you can see, people had to say if they had any tobacco, cigarettes, spirits, liquors, perfumery and if they had any other baggage or items, like silk stockings.



Think about the last time you went on holiday or packed a bag for going somewhere, like school or the beach—what did you bring with you?

Fill in the Customs Form below using the items from your bag, or ask around your family to see what items they have in their bags, don't forget to get everyone's signatures!



## CUSTOMS DECLARATION

Signature	Baggage

