HM Customs and Excise

Notice of Seizure of Goods under the Customs & Excise Management Act 1979

To the Owner of the following goods seized on the 6th day of December, 2000 at 121 Bessbrook Road, Newry, Co. Down:- 75,000 litres or thereabouts of heavy hydrocarbon oil.

Pursuant to Section 139 (6) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 and paragraph (1) of the 3rd Schedule thereto, the Commissioners of Customs and Excise hereby give you notice that by virtue of the powers contained in the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 and enactments amending that Act, the aforesaid goods have been seized as liable to forfeiture by force of the following provisions namely, the aforesaid quantity of oil is a rebated oil as provided by Section 24 of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979, whereby and by force of the prohibition provided in Schedule 4, paragraph 9, of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979, the aforesaid quantity of oil is liable to forfeiture under the provisions of Section 24 of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.

Whereby and by force of Section 141 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979, the following goods are liable to forfeiture:

1 x compressor

1 x beehive oil storage tank

1 x horsebox containing a plastic tank

1 x 40 ft curtainside trailer containing an oil storage tank

2 x 25,000 litre capacity oil storage tanks

35 gallons of caustic soda

16 x 1000 litre capacity plastic tanks

various pumps and hoses

I rigid curtainside lorry registration No. E662 WSW

If you claim that all or any of the aforesaid goods are not liable to forfeiture you must within one month from the date of this notice of seizure, give notice of your claim in writing to the Commissioners at an office of Customs and Excise. Your notice must also specify your name and address, the goods claimed as not liable to forfeiture and, if you are outside the United Kingdom, the name and address of a solicitor in the United Kingdom who is authorised to accept service of process and to act on your behalf. In default of such notice all the aforesaid goods will be deemed to have been duly condemned as forfeited. If you give notice as set out above, legal proceedings will be taken for the condemnation of all goods claimed as not liable to forfeiture.

Kieran Coll, Officer of Customs and Excise, Carne House, 20 Corry Place, Belfast BT3 9HY.

To the Owner of the following goods seized on the 30th October, 2000 at Ballyclare:-

Blue MAN 999 Box Van vehicle Reg. No. G30 0YS

· 3,000 Litres or thereabouts of hydrocarbon oil fuel

Pursuant to Section 139 (6) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 and paragraph (1) of the 3rd Schedule thereto, the Commissioners of Customs and Excise hereby give you notice that by virtue of the powers contained in the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 and enactments amending that Act, the aforesaid goods have been seized as liable to forfeiture upon the grounds that:

[a] the aforesaid vehicle was found on the 30th October, 2000 at Ballyclare, to have been constructed, adapted, altered or fitted for the purpose of concealing goods, namely oil fuel.

Whereby and by force of Section 88[c] of the Customs & Excise Management Act 1979, the aforesaid vehicle is liable to forfeiture.

[b] the 3000 litres or thereabouts of hydrocarbon oil fuel are goods chargeable on their importation with excise duty.

Whereby and by force of Section 49(1) (a) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979, the aforesaid 3000 litres or thereabouts of hydrocarbon oil fuel are liable to forfeiture.

If you claim that all or any of the aforesaid goods are not liable to forfeiture you must within one month from the date of this notice of seizure, give notice of your claim in writing to the Commissioners at an office of Customs and Excise. Your notice must also specify your name and address, the goods claimed as not liable to forfeiture and, if you are outside the United Kingdom, the name and address of a solicitor in the United Kingdom who is authorised to accept service of process and to act on your behalf. In default of such notice all the aforesaid goods will be deemed to have been duly condemned as forfeited. If you give notice as set out above, legal proceedings will be taken for the condemnation of all goods claimed as not liable to forfeiture.

George Bingham, Officer of Customs and Excise, Carne House, 20 Corry Place, Belfast BT3 9HY.

To the Owner of the following goods seized on the 28th November, 2000 at Stockmans Court, Andersonstown Road, Belfast:-

White Volvo Curtainside vehicle Reg. No. J754 XWG

One large steel tank

Pursuant to Section 139 (6) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 and paragraph (1) of the 3rd Schedule thereto, the Commissioners of Customs and Excise hereby give you notice that by virtue of the powers contained in the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 and enactments amending that Act, the aforesaid goods have been seized as liable to forfeiture upon the grounds that:

[a] the aforesaid vehicle was found on the 28th November, 2000 at Stockmans Court, Andersonstown Road, Belfast, to have been constructed, adapted, altered or fitted for the purpose of concealing goods, namely oil fuel.

Whereby and by force of Section 88[c] of the Customs & Excise Management Act 1979, the aforesaid vehicle is liable to forfeiture.

[b] the bulk oil fuel storage tank was mixed, packed, or found with the aforesaid things which were liable to forfeiture.

Whereby and by force of Section 141 [1] [b] of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979, the bulk fuel storage tank is also liable to forfeiture.

If you claim that all or any of the aforesaid goods are not liable to forfeiture you must within one month from the date of this notice of seizure, give notice of your claim in writing to the Commissioners at an office of Customs and Excise. Your notice must also specify your name and address, the goods claimed as not liable to forfeiture and, if you are outside the United Kingdom, the name and address of a solicitor in the United Kingdom who is authorised to accept service of process and to act on your behalf. In default of such notice all the aforesaid goods will be deemed to have been duly condemned as forfeited. If you give notice as set out above, legal proceedings will be taken for the condemnation of all goods claimed as not liable to forfeiture.

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To the Owner of the following goods seized on the 8th day of December, 2000 on the Monaghan Road, Armagh:

· One white Volvo curtainside vehicle Reg. No. 87D 33188

• 12,000 litres or thereabouts of hydrocarbon oil fuel

Pursuant to Section 139 (6) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 and paragraph (1) of the Schedule 3 thereto, the Commissioners of Customs and Excise hereby give you notice that by virtue of the powers contained in the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 and enactments amending that Act, the aforesaid goods have been seized as liable to forfeiture upon the grounds that:

[a] the 12,000 litres or thereabouts of hydrocarbon oil fuel are goods chargeable on their importation with excise duty.

Whereby and by force of Section 49[1][a] of the Customs & Excise Management Act 1979, the aforesaid 12,000 litres or thereabouts of hydrocarbon oil fuel are liable for forfeiture.

[b] The Volvo curtainsided lorry was used in the carriage of the aforesaid fuel.

Whereby and by force of Section 141 [1] [a] of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979, the Volvo lorry is also liable to forfeiture.

If you claim that all or any of the aforesaid goods are not liable to forfeiture you must within one month from the date of this notice of seizure, give notice of your claim in writing to the Commissioners at an office of Customs and Excise. Your notice must also specify your name and address, the goods claimed as not liable to forfeiture and, if you are outside the United Kingdom, the name and address of a solicitor in the United Kingdom who is authorised to accept service of process and to act on your behalf. In default of such notice all the aforesaid goods will be deemed to have been duly condemned as forfeited. If you give notice as set out above, legal proceedings will be taken for the condemnation of all goods claimed as not liable to forfeiture.

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