

Council Directive 2008/118/EC of 16 December 2008 concerning the
general arrangements for excise duty and repealing Directive 92/12/EEC

CHAPTER II

CHARGEABILITY, REIMBURSEMENT, EXEMPTION

SECTION 3

Exemptions

Article 12

1 Excise goods shall be exempted from payment of excise duty where they are intended to be used:

- a in the context of diplomatic or consular relations;
- b by international organisations recognised as such by the public authorities of the host Member State, and by members of such organisations, within the limits and under the conditions laid down by the international conventions establishing such organisations or by headquarters agreements;
- c by the armed forces of any State party to the North Atlantic Treaty other than the Member State within which the excise duty is chargeable, for the use of those forces, for the civilian staff accompanying them or for supplying their messes or canteens;
- d by the armed forces of the United Kingdom stationed in Cyprus pursuant to the Treaty of Establishment concerning the Republic of Cyprus dated 16 August 1960, for the use of those forces, for the civilian staff accompanying them or for supplying their messes or canteens;
- e for consumption under an agreement concluded with third countries or international organisations provided that such an agreement is allowed or authorised with regard to exemption from value added tax.

2 Exemptions shall be subject to conditions and limitations laid down by the host Member State. Member States may grant the exemption by means of a refund of excise duty.