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assent to the forfeiture of the prohibited eggs, the port director shall proceed to forfeit them under the provisions of the tariff act applicable to seizure and forfeiture of merchandise valued at less than \$2,500.

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§ 12.30 Whaling.

The importation and exportation of whales or whale products taken or processed in violation of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling signed at Washington under date of December 2, 1946 (Publication No. 3383, Department of State, Whaling Convention), or of the Whaling Convention Act of 1949 (16 U.S.C. 916 through 916(1)), or of any regulation issued under the Act (50 CFR part 351) is unlawful. Customs officers and employees shall perform all functions required of them by the above-mentioned convention, law and regulation.

[T.D. 89-1, 53 FR 51253, Dec. 21, 1988]

§ 12.31 Plant pests.

The importation in a live state of insects which are injurious to cultivated crops, including vegetables, field crops, bush fruits, and orchard, forest or shade trees, and of the eggs, pupae, or larvae of such insects, except for scientific purposes under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, is prohibited. All packages containing live insects or their eggs, pupae, or larvae arriving from abroad, unless accompanied by a permit issued by the Department of Agriculture, shall be detained and submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs of that Department for inspection and determination of their admissibility into the United States.

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§ 12.32 Honeybees and honeybee semen.

(a) Honeybees from any country may be imported into the U.S. by the Department of Agriculture for experimental or scientific purposes. All other importations of honeybees are prohibited except those from a country which the Secretary of Agriculture has determined to be free of diseases dangerous to honeybees.

(b) Honeybee semen may be imported into the U.S. only from countries determined by the Secretary of Agriculture to be free of undesirable honeybees, and which take adequate precautions to prevent the importation of undesirable honeybees and their semen.

(c) The importation of honeybees and honeybee semen is governed by joint regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Treasury published in Treasury Decisions and the FEDERAL REGISTER from time to time.

[T.D. 85-3, 50 FR 1044, Jan. 9, 1985, as amended by T.D. 89-1, 53 FR 51253, Dec. 21, 1988]

TEA

§ 12.33 Importation of tea; entry; examination for customs purposes.

(a) The importation of any merchandise as tea which is inferior in purity, quality, and fitness for consumption to the standards prescribed by the Act of March 2, 1897, as amended (21 U.S.C. 41 through 50), is prohibited. Customs officers and employees shall perform all duties required of them by the said act and regulations.

(b) The importation of tea is subject also to the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the regulations thereunder. See §§12.1 to 12.5.

(c) [Reserved]

(d) The port director may order such an examination of packages containing tea as will satisfy him that no dutiable goods are packed therein. For this purpose the customary designation shall be made of packages for examination in public stores.

(e) If the invoice has not been received, the importer may use an additional copy of the chop list and release permit required by the regulations of

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the Department of Health and Human Services as a pro forma invoice, marking "Pro forma invoice" across the face thereof.

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WHITE PHOSPHORUS MATCHES

§ 12.34 Importation prohibited; certificate of inspection; importer's declaration.

(a) The importation into the United States of white phosphorus matches is prohibited.

(b) Invoices covering matches imported into the United States shall be accompanied by a certificate of official inspection of the Government of the country of manufacture in the following form:

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICIAL INSPECTION OF MATCHES

I, _____ (Name), do hereby certify that I am the _____ (Official title), that according to the chemical analysis made by me the matches described below do not contain white or yellow phosphorus and that therefore they are not white phosphorus matches as defined in the Act of Congress of the United States of America approved April 9, 1912;

Number of case mark	Description of matches	Name and address of manufacturer	Name of consignee and address, vessel, and date of shipment
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(Signature)

(Official title)

(c) In the absence of such certificate, the matches shall be detained until a certificate is produced or the importer submits satisfactory evidence to show that the matches were not in fact manufactured with the use of poisonous white or yellow phosphorus.

(d) The production of the above certificate shall not be required on the entry of matches manufactured in countries which prohibit the use of

white or yellow phosphorus in the manufacture of matches.

(e) At the time of filing an entry for imported matches, the importer shall make a declaration that to the best of his knowledge and belief no matches included in the invoice and entry are white phosphorus matches.

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§ 12.35 [Reserved]

NARCOTIC DRUGS

§ 12.36 Regulations of Bureau of Narcotics.

The importation and exportation of narcotic drugs are governed by regulations of the Drug Enforcement Administration Bureau of Narcotics. Customs officers and employees shall perform all duties imposed upon them by such regulations and the laws under which they are issued. Such regulations are in addition to, and not in lieu of, the Customs, internal-revenue, and other pertinent laws and regulations.

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LIQUORS

§ 12.37 Restricted importations.

(a) The basic permit requirements prescribed by the act of August 29, 1935 (27 U.S.C. 203), shall not be deemed applicable when the port director is satisfied that the liquor is for personal use or for experimental purposes in the making of analyses, tests, or comparisons.

(b) The production of a basic permit shall not be required when spirits are withdrawn from warehouse under any form of withdrawal entry.

(c) Blending or rectifying of wines or distilled spirits in class 6 manufacturing warehouses, or the bottling of imported distilled spirits in class 8 manipulation warehouses, shall not be permitted unless the proprietor has obtained an appropriate permit from the