

We Hussein Bin Talal , King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

According to Article (31) of the Constitution, and

According to what has been decided by the Senate and the House of Representatives,

We do approve the following law and order its promulgation and adding it to the State's laws:

Law number (10) of 1964, amending the Customs and Excises Law

Article 1:

this law shall be named “the Law Amending the Customs and Excises Law of 1964”and shall be read with the Customs and Excises Law number (1) of 1962, which is referred to as the original law , as one law and shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Article 2: the text of Article (14) of the original law shall be considered as paragraph (a), and the following text shall be added to it as paragraph (b):

b) despite of what is stated in the previous paragraph and what is stated in Article (31/a) of the original law, the Authority may consider the price of sold goods, which are referred to in paragraph (a) of this Article , as the basis for collecting the customs duties , provided that such goods belong to a one of the governmental departments and the sale was done through a public auction by a committee composed of three representatives , one representing the related department , one representing the Authority and one representing the Audit Bureau.

Article 2:

Paragraphs (1 and 4) of Article (167) of the original law shall be canceled and replaced with the following text , which shall be considered as paragraph (1) and the number of paragraph (5) of the same Article shall become paragraph (4) :

1. A judge (appointed by the Judicial Council according to the same process followed in appointing regular judges) as the Chief Judge o the court. In case such post become vacant or the judge could not perform the duties of such post due to his absence or for any other legal reason , then in such case it is permissible that the Minster of Justice

delegates any first instance courts judges whose rank is not less than the fourth rank to perform such duties.

Article 4:

The text of Article (177) of the original law shall be canceled and replaced with the following text :

Article (177):

- a) Despite of what is stated in any other law, the customs courts shall not accept any claims against the treasure, unless the plaintiff had already paid all the requested amounts, including the fees and fines. IN such instance the importer may submit a bank bond instead of paying the amount which constitutes the subject of such dispute.
- b) The plaintiff shall limit the recovery claim in the disputed portion of the paid amounts. Such portion shall be considered as a trust which shall be paid to the plaintiff or to the treasury based on the final judgment issued by the court.
- c) The amount which had been registered as a trust , shall be transferred to the treasury if the recovery claim regarding such amount was not submitted during three months from the date of it payment. No claim shall be heard regarding such amount after the passing of the stated period.
- d) The provisions of this Article shall also apply to the “claim prohibition” cases submitted against the treasury before the customs courts before this law came into force. Plaintiffs in such type of cases shall pay all the requested amounts during one month from the date this law come into force in order for such cases to stay bending and adjudicated as recovery cases. In case the stated amounts had not been paid during the stipulated period , all such cases shall be dismissed.