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Country Note

Bahamas

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COUNTRY NOTE

THE BAHAMAS

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ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

- CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

This is an important issue for us in The Bahamas, as our customs document does not allow for this distinction to be made, which require a change in the customs documentation.

ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

- **GOODS ENTERING FOR PACKAGING ONLY**

How do we deal with goods entering for packaging purposes only? Are they to be treated as “temporary admission”? How do we categorize “temporary admission”? What if some of these items for packaging stay for local consumption?

ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

- **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

This is a real issue for us in The Bahamas. As we in the DOS are not in possession of the supporting documents to verify the country of origin. In a lot of cases we have to ask customs to identify the entry and invoices to ascertain the country of origin.

ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

- COUNTRY OF DESTINATION

How do we determine the country of destination for fuel oil sold to ships at ports in The Bahamas? Should it be attributed to the country in which the ship is registered or the country of residence of the owner?

