



# Agreement for the Return of Seized Property

Full name .....

Address .....

Property .....

seized on ..... at .....

I acknowledge that the things listed above were seized from me under Section 139 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 as liable to forfeiture.

I agree to pay £..... so that they may be returned to me.

I understand that the Commissioners may, at their discretion, disclose details of this matter to other Government Departments affected.

Following payment in full, the things listed above will be returned to me. I have read the notes printed on the back of this form and understand that there are restrictions on my rights over the things for one month after the date of seizure.

Signature .....

Witness ..... Date .....

## Statement by Customs Officer

The above person has agreed to the above conditions. I have received:

\*£..... in cash

\*Cheque number ..... for £ .....

\*Credit card payment (card number ..... ) for £ .....

I agree that the things listed above may be released.

Officer's signature ..... Date and time .....

Full name ..... Station .....  
(BLOCK LETTERS)

*\*Delete as necessary*

## Information on Seized Property

This agreement means that you will have the things listed overleaf returned once you have paid the amount shown.

You have the right to challenge our authority to seize the things. If you do so, civil proceedings will follow and a court will decide whether the things are liable to seizure and forfeiture.

There is a special procedure if you wish to claim against seizure (see Schedule 3(3) and (4) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979). Make your claim in writing within one month of the date of seizure and send it to the Customs Office where the seizure was made. Since there will be a court hearing you may wish to consult a solicitor unless you live outside the European Community, in which case you must choose a UK solicitor to act on your behalf and tell Customs the name and address of that solicitor.

The court has the power to award costs to the successful party.

If you make a claim against seizure, the things will be regarded as being returned to you (delivered up) under paragraph 16 of Schedule 3 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979. You may dispose of them in any way after making a claim.

If you are not sure whether to make a claim or not, you must keep the things for one month from the date of seizure or until you make a claim against seizure, whichever is the earlier. If you dispose of the things in any way before the end of the one month period, without making a claim against seizure, you will not be able to make a later claim.



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