

I with great luck found a V8 Mack in a Renault in Poland a couple of weeks later
I found 2 more engines removed from what appears to be Fire Trucks possibly Airport unit
looks like a special Vehicle Renault made which are in France
since the seller had 2 with very low Kilometers I bought both of them and had already paid for the
engine in the Truck in Poland
The engines are very hard to find and more so with low kilometers and mechanical and not
electronic
Since the first delivery from France has arrived my customs agent has done the preliminary costings
where I saw Duty of \$1580 I explained the engines would be made by Mack in USA however they
were used in France and not eligible to be duty free even tho they are used
A regulation of duty applied was sent to me which I was totally amazed at
An engine may not attract duty but ----
If an engine has an gear box with it doesn't even have to be on the engine this attracts duty
Since radiators are very expensive here for trucks I have heard figures of 4-5000 \$ for a radiator I
asked the sellers to send me the radiators

If the box with the engine has a radiator with it it attracts Duty ???

Who on earth sat down and created these rules for Duty ? this is just bizarre considering I am not
aware that anyone in the country even made large diesel engines

The agent also mentioned despite the engines being made in USA and taken to France for the
European market when Renault bought Mack Trucks there is no FTA with Europe so duty applies

I am totally at a loss as to why duty is charged anyway and in my case all it will do is make my farm
truck engine more expensive for no reason that comes to mind

If you think of a reason please tell me as I watch as all the companies that use to make things here
for the local market by local makers one that does come to mind was International which has been
gone for many years

many years ago I had duty on a feed mixer for mixing feed for the cattle all it did was make the feed
mixer cost us more I recall a response was a feed mixer could be made here I imagine it could but
what we wanted was not made here after 30 years its still in service and I am not aware of anyone
making feed mixers here

With all the resources this country possesses and clever people we could make anything however in
reality very little is made here the duty collected never gained a thing other than making everything
for those of us who actually make things just cost more

My life experience of duty and the changes in July wont help me now for the motors coming in to
keep my truck operational as the aquisition is cheaper than trying to repair the engine the duty
just adds to the cost keeping what I do not know or protecting I don't know as not much
manufacturing is left here

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