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A Shop That Sells Without Taxes: The Duty-Free Shop

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On the day you leave for a trip abroad, once you pass through departure immigration, a long line of shops glitters with cosmetics and perfume, liquor and chocolate. For many people, browsing these shops in the short time before boarding is one of the small pleasures of travel. But why are these shops gathered inside the airport, and how can they sell the same goods more cheaply than shops in town? The answer lies in a system called the ‘duty-free shop.’ Put simply, a duty-free shop is ‘a store that sells goods to travelers who will take them out of the country, leaving out taxes such as custom