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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Commonwealth Preference (Standstill Area) (Amendment) Regulations 1977

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 12(2) of the Import Duties Act 1958**(a)**, as amended by paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act 1972**(b)**, and section 2(1) of the Finance Act 1973**(c)**, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Commonwealth Preference (Standstill Area) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1977.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889**(d)** shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these Regulations and the Regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

2. The Commonwealth Preference (Standstill Area) Regulations 1973**(e)**, as amended**(f)**, shall be further amended as follows:

(*a*) for the first paragraph of Regulation 3 thereof (up to the proviso) there shall be substituted the following:— "Goods grown, produced or manufactured in a country of the standstill area shall not be treated as goods of that area unless they are consigned to the United Kingdom from such a country:";

(*b*) in Schedule 1 "Papua New Guinea" shall be deleted.

3. The Commonwealth Preference (Standstill Area) (Amendment) Regulations 1974**(g)** and the Origin of Goods (Certain Mediterranean Countries) Regulations 1975**(h)**, as amended by the Origin of Goods (Certain Mediterranean Countries) (Amendment) Regulations 1976**(i)**, are hereby revoked.

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28th June 1977.

(a) 1958 c. 6.
(b) 1972 c. 68.
(c) 1973 c. 51.
(d) 1889 c. 63.
(e) S.I. 1973/2069 (1973 III, p. 7130).
(f) S.I. 1974/1019, 1975/1109 (1974 II, p. 3842; 1975 II, p. 3895).
(g) S.I. 1974/1019 (1974 II, p. 3842).
(h) S.I. 1975/2100 (1975 III, p. 7875).
(i) S.I. 1976/995 (1976 II, p. 2589).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which come into operation on 1st July 1977, further amend the Commonwealth Preference (Standstill Area) Regulations 1973 which prescribe the circumstances in which goods are to be treated as originating in the Commonwealth preference standstill area. The amendments remove the provision—inserted by the Commonwealth Preference (Standstill Area) (Amendment) Regulations 1974—whereby goods were treated as originating in that area if they were consigned to the United Kingdom via another member State of the Community, since that provision is no longer required.

They provide that in order to qualify under these Regulations goods must be consigned from a country in the standstill area, and they reduce the countries forming that area to two countries namely Cyprus and Malta, following the accession of Papua New Guinea to the Lomé Convention.

The Regulations also revoke the Origin of Goods (Certain Mediterranean Countries) Regulations 1975, which are no longer required.

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