STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 1697

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Reductions) (Revenue Duties) (Egypt) Order 1973

Made - - -	12*th October* 1973
Laid before the House of Commons	12*th October* 1973
Coming into Operation	1*st November* 1973

The Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section 1(4) of the Finance Act 1973(**a**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Reductions) (Revenue Duties) (Egypt) Order 1973.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on 1st November 1973 and shall cease to have effect on 1st January 1974.

2.—(1) In this Order—

"the Agreement" means the Agreement signed on 18th December 1972 between the European Economic Community and Egypt(**b**); and references to a heading or subheading are references to a heading or subheading of the Customs Tariff 1959.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The rates of customs duties chargeable and of drawback, if any, allowable, on goods of the descriptions specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto and classifiable under the headings and subheadings specified in column 2 thereof and originating, under the Agreement, within Egypt shall be those specified in Schedules 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 to the Finance Act 1973 under the column headed "EEC".

P. L. Hawkins,
Hugh Rossi,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

12th October 1973.

(**a**) 1973 c. 51.
(**b**) The Agreement is annexed to Regulation (EEC) 2409/73 (O.J. No. L251 7.9.73.p.1).
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.

SCHEDULE

Description of Goods	Tariff Heading and Subheading
Beer	22.03(A)
Vermouths, and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with aromatic extracts other than light still wines not in bottle and light sparkling wines	22.06
Denatured spirits of any strength, other than such spirits obtained from agricultural products listed in Annex II to the E.E.C. Treaty	22.08(A)
Manufactured tobacco but not tobacco extracts and essences	24.02
Bengal Matches	36.05(A)
Matches	36.06

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

1. This Order, which comes into effect on 1st November 1973, implements obligations of the United Kingdom under the Agreement of 18th December 1972 between the European Economic Community and Egypt to reduce the protective elements in certain revenue duties. The Order reduces by one-fifth the protective element in the duty charged on beer, on certain vermouths and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with aromatic extracts, on certain denatured spirits, on manufactured tobacco (other than extracts and essences) and on matches originating in that country.

2. The Order provides for like reductions in drawback rates, where applicable.

3. The Order expires at midnight on 31st December 1973.

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