STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 1769

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Customs Duties (ECSC) Order 1981

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Coming into Operation	*1st January* 1982

The Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section 5(1) and (3) of the European Communities Act 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State, hereby make the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Customs Duties (ECSC) Order 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1982.

Goods to which this Order applies

2. This Order shall apply to goods covered by the E.C.S.C. Treaty included, for information purposes, in the Schedule of Customs Duties (hereinafter referred to as "the CCT Schedule") forming part of the common customs tariff of the European Economic Community (b).

Classification of goods for customs duty purposes

3.—(1) The nomenclature for the goods to which this Order applies shall be that set out in columns 1 and 2 of the CCT Schedule where the goods are of a description followed by the letters "ECSC" in column 2 in relation to any heading or subheading of Chapter 26, 27 or 73 of the Schedule and shall with the footnotes thereto be used in classifying such goods for the purposes of duties charged under this Order.

(2) The nomenclature so set out shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with Rules 1-5 in Part A of the General Rules preceding the CCT Schedule.

(3) The Rules in Part C of the said General Rules shall be applied both to the said nomenclature and to the customs duties charged under this Order.

(a) 1972 c. 68; section 5(3) was amended by the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Act 1979 (c. 3), section 19(1) and Schedule 2, para. 3.

(b) *See* the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No. 950/68 (OJ No L172, 22.7.1968, p. 1) as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No. 3300/81 (OJ No L335, 23.11.1981, p. 1).

Rates of customs duties

4.—(1) Where in relation to any goods which are of a heading or subheading of Chapter 26, 27 or 73 of the CCT Schedule and are of a description referred to in Article 3(1) hereto a rate of customs duty is shown in column 4 of the CCT Schedule and the duty does not solely relate to goods imported into another member State of the European Communities, then, on the importation into the United Kingdom of goods classified in that heading or subheading, other than goods imported from another member State which originate in or are in free circulation in that State, there shall be charged a duty of customs at the rate so shown, unless the goods are exempt from duty by virtue of the provisions of Article 5 or 6 below.

(2) Any question under this Article whether goods at any time originate in or are in free circulation in a member State shall be determined in accordance with the Treaties.

Special Exemption from customs duty for goods for certain categories of Ships, Boats and other Vessels

5. No customs duty shall be charged on goods to which this Order applies intended for incorporation in the ships, boats or other vessels listed in Part A of the Special Provisions preceding the CCT Schedule for the purpose of their construction, repair, maintenance or conversion, or intended for fitting to or equipping such ships, boats or other vessels.

Miscellaneous Exemptions for certain countries

6.—(1) No customs duty shall be charged in the case of goods to which this Order applies originating in a country named in Part I or II of Schedule 1 hereto.

(2) For the purposes of this Article goods shall be regarded as originating in any such country—

(*a*) named in Part I if they are regarded as originating in that country by applying the provisions of the Protocol to the Agreements;

(*b*) named in Part II if they are regarded as originating in that country by virtue of the application of the provisions relating to origin of goods in Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3225/80(**a**) or Council Decision No. 80/1186/EEC(**b**).

(3) In this Article—

(i) "country" includes territory and references to a country include references to any area consisting of two or more countries;

(ii) "the Agreements" means the Agreements made between the European Economic Community and the countries specified in column 1 of Schedule 2 hereto and signed on the dates specified in column 2.

General

7. Any reference to a rate of duty expressed as a percentage is a reference to that percentage of the value of the goods.

8. The Customs Duties (ECSC) (No. 2) Order 1977(**c**) and the Customs Duties (ECSC) (No. 2) Order 1980(**d**) are hereby revoked.

(**a**) OJ No L347, 22.12.1980, p. 1.
(**b**) OJ No L361, 31.12.1980, p. 1.
(**c**) S.I. 1977/2041.
(**d**) S.I. 1980/1999.

J. A. Cope,
John Selwyn Gummer,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

9th December 1981.

SCHEDULE 1 *Article 6*

PART I

Algeria
Austria
Egypt
Finland
Israel
Jordan
Lebanon
Morocco
Norway
Portugal
Sweden
Switzerland
Syria
Tunisia

PART II

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Botswana
Burundi
Cameroon
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Chad
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Ethiopia
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Ghana
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Malawi
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Mauritania
Mauritius
Niger
Nigeria
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Rwanda
St. Lucia
St. Vincent
Sâo Tomé and Principe
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Somalia
Sudan
Surinam
Swaziland
Tanzania
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tuvalu
Uganda
Upper Volta
Vanuatu
Western Samoa
Zaire
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Overseas Countries and Territories

Anguilla
British Antarctic Territory
British Indian Ocean Territory
British Virgin Islands
Brunei
Cayman Islands
Falkland Islands and Dependencies
French Polynesia
French Southern and Antarctic Territories
Mayotte
Montserrat
Netherlands Antilles (Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, St. Martin, Saba, St. Eustatius)
New Caledonia and Dependencies
Pitcairn
St. Helena and Dependencies
Turks and Caicos Islands
Wallis and Futuna Islands
West Indies Associated States (St. Kitts—Nevis, Antigua)

Article 6(3)

SCHEDULE 2

AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THIRD COUNTRIES

(1) Third Country	(2) Date	(3) Council Regulation (EEC)	(4) Footnote
Austria	22nd July 1972	2836/72	**(a)**
Portugal	22nd July 1972	2844/72	**(b)**
Sweden	22nd July 1972	2838/72	**(c)**
Switzerland	22nd July 1972	2840/72	**(d)**
Norway	14th May 1973	1691/73	**(e)**
Finland	5th October 1973	3177/73	**(f)**
Israel	11th May 1975	1274/75	**(g)**
Tunisia	25th April 1976	1289/76	**(h)**
Algeria	26th April 1976	1287/76	**(i)**
Morocco	27th April 1976	1288/76	**(j)**
Egypt	18th January 1977	1030/77	**(k)**
Jordan	18th January 1977	1032/77	**(l)**
Syria	18th January 1977	1031/77	**(m)**
Lebanon	3rd May 1977	1109/77	**(n)**

(a) OJ No L300, 31.12.1972, p. 1 (OJ/SE1972 (31 Dec) p. 3).
(b) OJ No L301, 31.12.1972, p. 164 (OJ/SE1972 (31 Dec) p. 166).
(c) OJ No L300, 31.12.1972, p. 96 (OJ/SE1972 (31 Dec) p. 98).
(d) OJ No L300, 31.12.1972, p. 188 (OJ/SE1972 (31 Dec) p. 190).
(e) OJ No L171, 27.6.1973, p. 1.
(f) OJ No L328, 28.11.1973, p. 1.
(g) OJ No L136, 28.5.1975, p. 1.
(h) OJ No L141, 28.5.1976, p. 194.
(i) OJ No L141, 28.5.1976, p. 1.
(j) OJ No L141, 28.5.1976, p. 97.
(k) OJ No L126, 23.5.1977, p. 1.
(l) OJ No L126, 23.5.1977, p. 166.
(m) OJ No L126, 23.5.1977, p. 89.
(n) OJ No L133, 27.5.1977, p. 1.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which comes into operation on 1st January 1982, replaces the Customs Duties (ECSC) (No. 2) Order 1977, as amended, which charges customs duties in accordance with the unified ECSC tariff on ECSC products imported into the United Kingdom, except from other member States of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC). Under the 1977 Order the rates of duty were charged by reference to the Schedule of Customs Duties ("CCT Schedule") forming part of the common customs tariff of the EEC then applicable.

The ECSC unified tariff has been amended with effect from 1st January 1982 to take account of the reductions in customs duties to be made by the member States of the ECSC under the Geneva (1979) Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Cmnd. 7668) during 1982. The "CCT Schedule" referred to in the Order is that contained in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No. 950/68, (OJ No L172, 22.7.1968, p. 1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No. 3300/81 (OJ No L335, 23.11.1981, p. 1).

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