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The Customs Duties (ECSC) Relief Regulations 1976

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 5(6) of the European Communities Act 1972(**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Customs Duties (ECSC) Relief Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 15th December 1976.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. In Schedule 3 to the Import Duties Act 1958(**c**), for paragraph 8 as amended by paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act 1972, there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"8.—(1) Goods of any description may be relieved from import duties if and in so far as the relief appears to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient with a view to conforming with an international agreement relating to matters other than commercial relations.

(2) Goods of any description may be relieved from import duties if and in so far as relief appears to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient with a view to—

(*a*) conforming with any Community obligations, or

(*b*) otherwise affording relief provided for by or under the Community Treaties or any decisions of the representatives of the governments of the member States of the Coal and Steel Community meeting in Council".

Michael Meacher,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Trade.

14th December 1976.

(a) 1972 c. 68. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) 1958 c. 6.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which come into operation on 15th December 1976, substitute a new paragraph for paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to the Import Duties Act 1958. The existing provisions are continued, and the Regulations also provide that the Secretary of State may grant relief from import duty on goods if and in so far as the relief appears to him to be necessary or expedient with a view to affording relief provided for by or under any Decisions of the representatives of the governments of the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community meeting in Council.

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