EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note does not form part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order exempts from duty under the Import Duties Act, 1932, briar root blocks of the description set out in Article 1 of the Order.

The Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 8) Order, 1950

1950 No. 1528

Made - - - -	*13th September,* 1950
Laid before the House of Commons	*15th September,* 1950
Coming into Operation	*21st September,* 1950

Whereas the Treasury, after consultation with the appropriate Department, are of opinion that tung nuts ought to be exempted from the provisions of section one of the Import Duties Act, 1932(**a**):

Now, therefore, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section one and subsection (5) of section nineteen of the Import Duties Act, 1932, by subsection (3) of section ten of the Finance Act, 1934(**b**), and by section one of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939(**c**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Order:—

1. Tung nuts shall be added to the First Schedule to the Import Duties Act, 1932.

2. Accordingly the said Schedule, as amended by the Import Duties (Exemptions Consolidation) Order, 1935(**d**), and by subsequent Orders, and the Second Annex to the said Order of 1935, as amended by subsequent Orders, shall each be further amended by the addition to Group III of the following paragraph:—

"(7) Tung nuts."

3.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 8) Order, 1950.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty.

Dated this thirteenth day of September, 1950.

R. J. Taylor,
W. A. Wilkins,

Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note does not form part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order exempts tung nuts from duty under the Import Duties Act, 1932.

(a) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 8. (b) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 32.
(c) 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 97. (d) S.R. & O. 1935 (No. 1244) p. 298.

(*b*) unless he is or has been a graduate of the Institution of Fire Engineers, have passed the technical examination specified in the Second Schedule to these Regulations, and

(*c*) have passed, to the satisfaction of the fire authority maintaining the brigade, a practical test in the conduct of drills.

(4) For promotion into the rank of station officer the qualifications of a member of a brigade shall be as follows, that is to say, he shall have had not less than five years' operational service, and, in the case of a promotion to be made after the thirty-first day of December, 1951, shall—

(*a*) unless he is already a sub-officer, have passed, to the satisfaction of the fire authority maintaining the brigade, a practical test in the conduct of drills, and

(*b*) have passed a written technical examination on a syllabus of study prepared by the central examination committee on such aspects of the subjects specified in the Third Schedule to these Regulations as are relevant to fire service matters.

(5) For promotion into a rank higher than that of station officer the qualifications of a member of a brigade shall be that he is of a rank not lower than that of station officer.

4.—(1) The qualifications for appointment to any rank in a brigade of a male person who is not a member of the brigade and is to serve therein as a whole-time member thereof on terms under which he will not be solely engaged on control room duties, shall be as follows, that is to say, he shall—

(*a*) be, at the time when it is decided to appoint him to the said rank, a whole-time member of another brigade, and

(*b*) (i) be at the said time of a rank in such other brigade not lower than that to which he is to be appointed, or

(ii) possess at the said time such qualifications as would be required under Regulation 3 of these Regulations for promotion into the said rank in such other brigade:

Provided that—

(i) this Regulation shall not apply when a person who has previously retired from a brigade and been in receipt of an ill-health pension which has been cancelled is re-appointed to that brigade to a rank not higher than that which he held immediately before his retirement;

(ii) a person may with the approval of the Secretary of State be appointed to a rank in a brigade to perform in that rank particular duties for which special qualifications are required if he possesses those qualifications notwithstanding that he does not possess the qualifications specified in this Regulation for appointment to that rank.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation membership of a fire brigade maintained by a fire authority in Scotland under the provisions of the Fire Services Act, 1947(**a**), shall be deemed to be membership of a brigade, the ranks of company officer, section leader and leading fireman in such a fire brigade shall be deemed to be respectively the ranks of station officer, sub-officer, and leading fireman in a brigade, and any person possessing such qualifications as may be required, under any regulations made under subsection (1) of section eighteen of the said Act of 1947, for promotion into any of

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 41.

the said ranks in such a fire brigade shall be deemed to possess the qualifications required under Regulation 3 of these Regulations for promotion into the said respective rank in a brigade.

5.—(1) Every fire authority maintaining a brigade shall—

(*a*) either itself conduct each examination and test specified in the First and Second Schedules to these Regulations and the written technical examination specified in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (4) of Regulation 3 of these Regulations or secure that there are in force arrangements made between that authority and one or more other such authorities for the joint conduct of that examination or test for and on behalf of each of the authorities participating in the arrangements, and

(*b*) secure that each such said examination and test is conducted as aforesaid for members of the brigade maintained by it desiring and eligible to enter therefor at least once in every year unless no such member has made application to enter by such time before the examination or test would otherwise be held as may be determined by the authority or under such arrangements as aforesaid.

(2) The following requirements shall be observed with regard to the aforesaid written technical examination, that is to say:—

(*a*) before the examination is held, a draft of the questions proposed to be set to the candidates shall be sent to the central examination committee, and that committee may for not more than half of the questions proposed substitute other questions, and may require that a number of questions, not exceeding half of the total number thereof, shall be ones which candidates are to be required to answer,

(*b*) after the examination has been held, the marks proposed to be awarded to each candidate in respect of each question answered by him shall be submitted to the said committee, and that committee may alter those marks, and

(*c*) no candidate shall be declared to have passed the examination unless he has obtained such percentage of marks as may be approved by the said committee.

6.—(1) In these Regulations—

(*a*) the expression "auxiliary fireman" means a member of a fire brigade who is enrolled for service therein which is restricted except in a war emergency to such duties as are desirable for training;

(*b*) the expression "brigade" means a fire brigade maintained by a fire authority in England or Wales under the provisions of the Fire Services Act, 1947(**a**);

(*c*) the expression "central examination committee" means such person or body of persons as may be appointed by the Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council for the purposes specified in these Regulations in connection with the written technical examination referred to in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (4) of Regulation 3 thereof;

(*d*) the expression "control room duties" means duties in connection with the reception, transmission and recording of calls for the assistance of a brigade, and with the transmission of instructions regarding the provision of such assistance by a brigade as may be required in any case;

(**a**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 41.

(*e*) the expression "ill-health pension which has been cancelled" means an ill-health pension within the meaning of the Firemen's Pension Scheme set out in the Appendix to the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order, 1948(**a**), which has been cancelled under Article 25 of that scheme;

(*f*) the expression "the Institution of Fire Engineers" means the limited company incorporated by that name on the twenty-fifth day of July, 1924, and the expression "graduate of the Institution of Fire Engineers" means a person who, under the Articles of Association of the said company and the byelaws set out in the Schedule to those Articles, has been duly elected a graduate thereof;

(*g*) the expression "operational service", in relation to any person, means whole-time service as a member of a brigade, of a fire brigade maintained by a fire authority in Scotland under the provisions of the Fire Services Act, 1947, or of the National Fire Service, during any period in which that person in the course of his duty as a member of a brigade, of such said fire brigade or of the National Fire Service was under an obligation to attend at fires;

(*h*) the expression "promotion" does not include promotion which is expressed to be temporary only;

(*i*) the expression "rank" means any of the following ranks, that is to say, assistant chief officer, divisional officer (Grade I), divisional officer (Grade II), divisional officer (Grade III), assistant divisional officer, station officer, sub-officer and leading fireman.

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

7. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations, 1950, and shall come into operation on the first day of May, 1950.

J. Chuter Ede,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
17th April, 1950.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Qualifications for the Rank of Leading Fireman

Regulations 3 and 5.

Part I

Educational examination

A written examination in the following subjects, that is to say:—

(*a*) arithmetic, comprising the first four rules, simple and compound, Imperial weights and measures and simple fractions;

(*b*) English, comprising dictation and a short essay designed to test handwriting, spelling, punctuation and understanding of, and ability to use, English; and

(*c*) general knowledge and intelligence.

(**a**) S.I. 1948 (No. 604) I, p. 1091. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

PART II

Test of technical attainments

An oral and practical test of knowledge of—

(*a*) standard appliances and equipment;

(*b*) watch room work;

(*c*) standard drills;

(*d*) first aid; and

(*e*) the topography of the fire ground area of the station where the candidate is stationed.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulations 3 and 5. QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE RANK OF SUB-OFFICER

Technical examination

A written examination in the following subjects, that is to say:—

(*a*) general technical knowledge of appliances and equipment;

(*b*) fire ground procedure;

(*c*) elementary fire prevention;

(*d*) topography of the fire ground area of the station where the candidate is stationed;

(*e*) station administration and management; and

(*f*) taking charge of a fire situation.

THIRD SCHEDULE

Regulation 3. QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE RANK OF STATION OFFICER

Subjects of technical examination

The subjects specified in the Second Schedule to these Regulations, other than that specified in paragraph (*d*) thereof;

The organisation and administration of fire services;

Hydraulics;

Chemistry;

Electricity;

Law.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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These Regulations make provision as to the procedure and qualifications for appointment to, and promotion in, fire brigades in England and Wales. In particular, provision is made as to the method of appointment of chief officers and as to the qualifications required, in the case of whole-time fire-fighting members, for appointment to a brigade and for appointment and promotion to different ranks therein, including provision as to the holding and conduct of examinations and tests for promotion.