The Import Duties (General Ad Valorem Duty Reduction) Order, 1951

1951 No. 1174

Made - - - -	*29th June*, 1951
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Coming into Operation	*1st September*, 1951

Whereas, having regard to the terms of an agreement entered into between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the governments of certain other countries, and dated the twenty-first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, at Torquay, it appears to the Treasury, on the recommendation of the Board of Trade, to be expedient for the directions given by Article 1 of this Order to have effect:

And whereas, as regards Article 2 of this Order, the Treasury have consulted the appropriate department:

Now, therefore, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, by virtue, so far as regards the provisions of Article 1 of this Order, of the power conferred on them by section fourteen of the Finance Act, 1933(a), and, so far as regards the provisions of Article 2 of this Order, of the power conferred on them by subsection (5) of section nineteen of the Import Duties Act, 1932(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) Any general ad valorem duty chargeable on goods (wherever grown, produced or manufactured) of a class or description mentioned in either of the following paragraphs shall be charged at the reduced rate mentioned in that paragraph, except in the case of any goods on which the duty is for the time being chargeable at a lower rate.

(2) The rate of the duty shall be seven and a half per cent. of the value of the goods in the case of—

(*a*) hazel nuts, not in shell;

(*b*) fired clay products, the following—bricks and blocks of diatomaceous earth;

(*c*) potassium chlorate.

(3) The rate of the duty shall be five per cent. of the value of the goods in the case of—

(*a*) calcareous cement (excluding gypseous cement and cement containing wood, asbestos or added colouring matter); and

(*b*) vegetable hair, being fibres of the dwarf palm chamaerops humilis.

2. Accordingly the Import Duties (Consolidation) Order, 1949(c), shall have effect as if in the Table of Duties set out in the Second Schedule to that Order there were made the amendments provided for by the Schedule to this Order.

3. This Order may be cited as the Import Duties (General Ad Valorem Duty Reduction) Order, 1951.

(a) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 19. (b) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 8. (c) S.I. 1949 (No. 2355) I, p. 1298.

4. This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

Dated this 29th day of June, 1951.

R. J. Taylor,
W. A. Wilkins,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of His Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE

[*Note.*—In the amendments provided for by this Schedule, rates of duty are in all cases to be inserted in the second column of the Table of Duties.]

1. In Group I, there shall be substituted for paragraph (6) the following paragraph:—

" (6) (i) **Brazil nuts,** in shell	5 per cent.
(ii) **Hazel nuts,** not in shell	7½ per cent."

2.—(1) In paragraph (1) of Group IV, sub-paragraph (v) shall be re-numbered as sub-paragraph (vi), and immediately before that sub-paragraph there shall be inserted as a new sub-paragraph (v) the following sub-paragraph:—

" (v) **Bricks and blocks of diatomaceous earth**	7½ per cent."

(2) At the end of Group IV there shall be added as a new paragraph (7) the following paragraph:—

" (7) **Calcareous cement** (excluding gypseous cement and cement containing wood, asbestos or added colouring matter).	5 per cent."

3. At the end of Group XII, there shall be added as a new paragraph (14) the following paragraph:—

" (14) **Vegetable hair,** being fibres of the dwarf palm chamaerops humilis.	5 per cent."

4. At the end of paragraph (1) of Group XIV there shall be added as a new sub-paragraph (xxi) the following sub-paragraph:—

" (xxi) **Potassium chlorate**...	7½ per cent."

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order reduces the rate (normally 10 per cent.) at which the general ad valorem duty under the Import Duties Act, 1932, is to be charged on the goods set out in Article 1, in accordance with the United Kingdom undertakings in the agreement recently concluded at Torquay. The rate is reduced to 7½ per cent. in respect of three items, and to 5 per cent. in respect of two others.