STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 950

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Import Duties (General) (No. 5) Order 1968

Made - - - -	19*th June* 1968
Laid before the House of Commons - -	25*th June* 1968
Coming into Operation	1*st July* 1968

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by sections 1, 2 and 13 of the Import Duties Act 1958(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, on the recommendation of the Board of Trade hereby make the following Order:—

1. As respects goods imported into the United Kingdom between the coming into operation of this Order and the end of year 1968, Schedule 1 to the Import Duties (General) (No. 4) Order 1968(b) (which Schedule by reference to the Customs Tariff 1959 sets out the import duties chargeable under the Import Duties Act 1958) shall, if the person chargeable with duty on the goods so elects, have effect as if, in the subheadings of the Tariff specified in the Schedule to this Order, any reference to a percentage by weight of silk, of man-made fibres, or of both together, were a reference instead to the percentage borne by the value, or aggregate value, of the component or components in question to the aggregate value of all the components.

2.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Import Duties (General) (No. 5) Order 1968.

(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) This Order shall come into operation on 1st July 1968.

Harry Gourlay,
B. K. O'Malley,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

19th June 1968.

(a) 1958 c. 6. (b) S.I. 1968/679 (1968 I, p. 1519). (c) 1889 c. 63.

SCHEDULE

SUBHEADINGS OF CUSTOMS TARIFF TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

The subheadings referred to in Article 1 of this Order are as follows:—

40.10 (A) and (B)

58.01 (A) and (B)
58.02 (B)
58.03 (A) and (B)
58.07 (C)

59.02 (B)
59.03 (B)
59.05 (A)
59.06 (A) and (B)
59.15 (A) and (B)
59.16 (A) and (B)
59.17 (D)

60.02 (A) and (B)
60.03 (A) and (B)
60.04 (A) and (B)
60.05 (A) and (B)
60.06 (B)

61.01 (A) and (B)
61.02 (A) and (B)
61.03 (A) and (B)
61.04 (A) and (B)
61.05 (A) and (B)
61.06 (A) and (B)
61.07 (A) and (B)
61.08 (A) and (B)
61.09 (A) and (B)
61.10 (A) and (B)
61.11 (A) and (B)

62.01 (A) and (B)
62.02 (A) and (B)
62.03 (B)
62.04 (A) and (B)
62.05 (A) and (B)

65.03 (A) and (B)
65.04 (A) and (B)
65.05 (A) and (B)

94.04 (A) and (B)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The Import Duties (General) (No. 4) Order 1968, which implements with effect from 1st July 1968 the first instalment of the tariff changes arising out of the Kennedy Round of trade negotiations, simplifies the basis on which import duty is charged on certain textile products containing silk or man-made fibres. The rate of duty on such textiles, which formerly depended upon the percentage which the value of the silk and/or man-made fibre components bore to the value of all the components, becomes, under the " Kennedy Order " dependent upon the percentage which the weight of such components bears to the weight of the products as a whole. The changeover from a value to a weight criterion could in some cases result in a re-classification of the goods to a category bearing a higher rate of duty.

This Order provides that, at the option of the importer, the goods may, for a period of six months, continue to be classified according to the old value basis, thus preserving the lower rate of duty for that period.