1956 No. 1632

The Import Duties (Geneva Agreement) Order, 1956

Made - - - - - - -	19*th October*, 1956
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Whereas the Board of Trade have recommended the making of this Order so far as it gives directions that the general ad valorem duty shall not be charged on goods of any class or description or shall be charged on goods of any class or description at a reduced rate;

And whereas, having regard to the terms for the time being in force of the Agreement on Tariffs and Trade concluded at Geneva in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven (as varied by subsequent agreements and in particular by an agreement entered into between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the governments of certain other countries, and dated the twenty-third day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, at Geneva), it appears to the Treasury, on that recommendation, to be expedient for this Order to give those directions;

And whereas the Treasury have consulted with the appropriate department:

Now, therefore, the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section three and subsection (5) of section nineteen of the Import Duties Act, 1932(a), by section fourteen of the Finance Act, 1933(b), by paragraph 12 of the Third Schedule to the Finance Act, 1939(c), and by section one of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939(d), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order shall be construed as one with the Import Duties (Consolidation) Order, 1949(e), and in the following provisions of this Order—

(*a*) the expression " the principal Order " means the said Order of 1949 as amended by subsequent Orders; and

(*b*) the expression " the Table of Duties " means the Table of Duties set out in the Second Schedule to the principal Order, and unless the contrary intention appears, any reference to a Group refers to a Group in the Table of Duties.

2.—(1) The general ad valorem duty shall not be charged on goods (wherever grown, produced or manufactured) of any class or description mentioned in the second column of the First Annex to this Order.

(2) Accordingly, the Second Annex to the Import Duties (Exemptions Consolidation) Order, 1935(f), as amended by subsequent Orders, shall be further amended—

(*a*) by renumbering Group XIV (1) therein as Group XIV (1) (i) therein; and

(a) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 8. (b) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 19. (c) 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 41.
(d) 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 97. (e) S.I. 1949/2355 (1949 I, p. 1298).
(f) S.R. & O. 1935/1244 (1935, p. 298).

(*b*) by inserting therein in the places and with the numbers indicated in the *first column* of the First Annex to this Order, the definitions of classes or descriptions of goods set out in the second column of that Annex, and denoting the items so inserted with an asterisk;

and the Table of Duties shall be amended by omitting in Group II (1) the reference to " Azalea indica (not in flower) " in paragraph (6) of the List of Exceptions.

3. With a view to securing that, in the case of goods of any class or description specified in the Second Annex to this Order, the duties chargeable under Part I of the Import Duties Act, 1932, shall not be chargeable on them, save as otherwise noted in that Annex, at a rate or aggregate rate exceeding the rate so specified for that class or description, but (subject to any exemption or limitation not affected by this Order) shall be chargeable at that rate, the principal Order shall have effect subject to the amendments provided for by the Schedule to this Order.

4.—(1) The following consequential amendments shall have effect with respect to the duties on exposed cinematograph film.

(2) In the Table set out in paragraph 1 of the Third Schedule to the Finance Act, 1939, sub-paragraph (iii) shall be amended so as to read the same as Group XVIII (20) (iii) as amended by this Order.

(3) Paragraphs 7 and 8 of the said Third Schedule, as varied by the principal Order and set out in paragraph (3) of Article 6 thereof, shall be further varied as follows:—

(*a*) in paragraph 7 (which provides for charging as a single length of film duplicates designed for use in the production of a coloured picture) for the words " they shall be charged " there shall be substituted the words " they shall (if chargeable with duty) be charged ";

(*b*) in paragraph 8 (which provides for reducing the rate of duty where only a limited number of copies will be used for exhibition in the United Kingdom) there shall be added at the end of sub-paragraph (1) the words " if, but for this paragraph, the duty would be chargeable at a higher rate ".

(4) In Article 6 of the principal Order, paragraph (1) and sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (4) are hereby revoked.

5.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Import Duties (Geneva Agreement) Order, 1956.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), 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 the twelfth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Dated this nineteenth day of October, 1956.

Gerald Wills,
Harwood Harrison,

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

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

FIRST ANNEX

EXEMPTIONS FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM DUTY

Place in Free List	*Class or Description of Goods*
Group VI (16)	Selenium, but not including alloys of selenium.
Group VI (17)	Marble chippings.
Group IX (1) (iv) ...	Cotton waste, willowed but not further manufactured, that is to say, waste arising in any process up to and including spinning or in the doubling process or (not being a waste piece of tissue or of a like material) in the knitting or weaving or ancillary finishing processes, which has been willowed but has not been subjected to any other process after becoming waste.
Group XIV (1) (ii) ...	Exposed cinematograph film:— (*a*) not developed, (*b*) developed, negative, (*c*) developed, containing only optically recorded sound track, (*d*) developed, positive, without sound track of any description, in two or more lengths representing the same objects, imported together and designed for use as a set, each complementary to the other or others, in the production of a coloured film.
Group XVI	Trees and shrubs, the following:— Azalea indica, not in flower.

SECOND ANNEX

GOODS AFFECTED BY ALTERATIONS OF DUTY (OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS)

Class or Description of Goods	*Rate of Duty*
1. Horse-radish root, fresh or dried, whether whole or not, but not otherwise prepared or preserved.	5 per cent.
2. Prawns and shrimps, canned	7½ per cent.
3. Canned soups, but not including tomato soups or dried soups or extracts or essences of meat.	7½ per cent.
4. Laminated safety glass, but not including parts of or accessories to motor vehicles.	17½ per cent.
5. Asbestos yarns, with or without core of other material ...	10 per cent.
6. Asbestos-cement articles, not made partly of wood or other vegetable fibre, the following:— sheets, plates, tiles, slates and roof capping: tubes, pipes and pipe and tube fittings: gutters and fittings for gutters.	12½ per cent.

Class or Description of Goods	*Rate of Duty*
7. Marble on which any process other than sawing has been carried out, except parts of clocks, tiles no side of which exceeds 2 ft. in length and mosaic cubes.	17½ per cent.
8. Marble not further worked than roughly split, roughly squared or squared by sawing.	7½ per cent.
9. Iron and steel (including alloy steel) and manufactures thereof, not including goods comprised in the Table of Duties elsewhere than in Group V (3), the following:—	
(*a*) bars and rods of a value exceeding £41 5s. per ton ...	£8 5s. per ton, or 15 per cent., whichever is the greater.
(*b*) plates and sheets of a value exceeding £30 per ton, if neither of a thickness exceeding ⅛ inch nor plated, coated or clad nor bi-metallic.	20 per cent.
(*c*) hoop and strip of a value exceeding £41 5s. per ton	£8 5s. per ton, or 15 per cent., whichever is the greater.
10. Iron and steel products (other than accessories or component parts of motor vehicles) the following:—	
(*a*) cast tubes and pipes, and pipe and tube fittings of all kinds.	17½ per cent.
(*b*) other tubes and pipes	20 per cent.
(*c*) rivets (other than bifurcated rivets manufactured from wire) and washers.	15 per cent.
(*d*) anchors and grapnels and parts thereof	17½ per cent.
(*e*) wire and wire cable and rope, of a value exceeding £75 per ton, except single wire, barbed wire and electric wires and cables, insulated.	£25 per ton, or 25 per cent., whichever is the greater.
(*f*) single wire of a value exceeding £60 per ton ...	£20 per ton, or 25 per cent., whichever is the greater.
(*g*) fish hooks	20 per cent.
(*h*) heat resisting wire, rod and strip, being single wire, rod of diameter not exceeding 1 inch and strip of thickness not exceeding ¼ inch, not plated, coated or covered, of metal alloy containing by weight the following:—	15 per cent.

	Not less than	*Not more than*
	per cent.	*per cent.*
Chromium	19·5	26
Aluminium	3·5	6·5
Cobalt	1·5	4

and not more than a total of 3 per cent. by weight of substances other than chromium, aluminium, cobalt and iron.

11. Furniture made wholly or mainly of metal, the following: pedestal chairs with reclining movement.	15 per cent.
12. Adjustable steel pit props	10 per cent.
13. Venetian blind strip, in coils, of aluminium or of alloy containing more than 50 per cent. by weight of aluminium, lacquered or enamelled and curved across the width, but not further manufactured or prepared.	15 per cent.

Class or Description of Goods	*Rate of Duty*
14. Trunk, travelling bag, suitcase and attaché case locks with the keys therefor not exceeding three per lock, and such locks without keys.	17½ per cent.
15. Zinc powder and dust	15 per cent.
16. Cutlery, the following:— razors (including safety razors) and parts and blanks therefor (other than safety razor blades and blanks therefor).	15 per cent.
17. Tool handles of ash wood	10 per cent.
18. Electrical wires and cables, insulated, but excluding wire insulated only with enamel, varnish or lacquer.	17½ per cent.
19. Radio (including radar and television) transmitting sets, receiving sets and combined transmitting and receiving sets, except sets designed or adapted for fitting to motor vehicles and receiving sets of the domestic or portable type.	17½ per cent.
20. Mercury arc rectifiers, being rectifiers with mercury pool cathodes.	17½ per cent.
21. Transformers rated at not less than 1 K.V.A. on continuous load.	17½ per cent.
22. Tools and parts of tools, and machinery and parts of machinery, but excluding— (*a*) goods not at the date of this Order comprised in Group VIII (4) (i) or in Group X (1); (*b*) metal measuring tapes; (*c*) diamonds pierced so as to be adapted for use in wire drawing dies, unmounted or mounted suitably for such use; (*d*) felt polishing bobs; (*e*) rail locomotives, and parts thereof other than one-piece cast steel locomotive beds; (*f*) fourdrinier paper-machine wires; (*g*) aircraft tyres and tubes and parts thereof; (*h*) textile machinery and parts thereof, the following:— full-fashioned hose knitting machines and parts thereof, and bobbins, cones, cops, pirns, spools, tubes and the like; (*i*) electric typewriters; (*k*) goods comprised in paragraph 23 of this Annex.	17½ per cent.
NOTE: Goods comprised in this paragraph are in certain cases to remain subject to any higher rate of duty applicable to them as goods of some other class or description.	
23. Machinery and parts of machinery, the following:—	
(*a*) shaped flint blocks of a kind used for lining tube mill drums and grinding cylinders;	10 per cent.
(*b*) transmission chain of iron or steel other than cycle chain or motor vehicle chain;	20 per cent.
(*c*) woven textile felts of a kind used in paper-making machinery, in the form of tubes or endless bands, whether woven as such or assembled by splicing, sewing or otherwise, or in the form of flat tissues fitted with eyelets or other means of fastening, ready for assembly into tubes or endless bands by such fastening;	15 per cent.

Class or Description of Goods	*Rate of Duty*
(*d*) machines of the type used for preparing macaroni and similar cereal foods, the following:— extruders, spreaders, coilers and combinations of those machines;	15 per cent.
(*e*) cigar-making machines, the following:— bunch making machines, rolling machines and combinations of those machines.	15 per cent.
24. Machinery and parts of machinery, the following:—	
(*a*) agricultural machinery, the following:— sheep shearers and other animal hair clipping machines, flexible drive and vacuum operated types;	12½ per cent.
(*b*) milking machines;	12½ per cent.
(*c*) brick-making machinery, the following:— brick presses;	12½ per cent.
(*d*) forged or cast rolls of iron or steel for rolling mills;	20 per cent.
(*e*) textile machinery, the following:— flat bar knitting machines, power-operated, other than warp knitting machines and full-fashioned hose machines;	12½ per cent.
(*f*) machinery belting (including conveyor and elevator bands) of rubber coated steel strip, exceeding 10 ins. in width, imported in coils.	10 per cent.
25. Parts of prefabricated wooden buildings (other than dwelling houses), being buildings imported complete but unassembled, the following:— components wholly or mainly of wood.	15 per cent.
26. Ash wood in square sawn straight lengths of not less than 17 ins. and not more than 108 ins., of uniform square cross section of not less than 1⅛ ins. square and not more than 1¼ ins. square, not further prepared or manufactured.	5 per cent.
27. Wooden boot last blocks roughly shaped by sawing or turning, but not further manufactured.	7½ per cent.
28. Wooden blocks of a length exceeding 18 ins. but not exceeding 40 ins. and of a sectional perimeter exceeding 18 ins. but not exceeding 44 ins., roughly sawn to an octagonal shape in cross section, but not further prepared or manufactured.	7½ per cent.
29. Wooden beadings and mouldings...	15 per cent.
30. Articles manufactured wholly or mainly of wood, the following:— bath trays, bread boards, butter patters, candlesticks, clothes horses, clothes pegs, coat hangers, egg cups, forks and salad servers, plate racks, platters and dishes, pots and jars, rolling pins, spoons, towel rails and washing boards.	17½ per cent.
31. Articles of wood of a kind used solely for ornamental or religious purposes, the following (but not including imitation jewellery):— statuettes and figures, carved pictures and wall plaques, carved picture frames.	15 per cent.

Class or Description of Goods	*Rate of Duty*
32. Stems of turned ash wood, being straight lengths of not less than 18 ins. and not more than 42 ins., of circular cross section of diameter (uniform throughout the length) not less than 1⅜ ins. and not more than 1⅛ ins., not further prepared or manufactured.	10 per cent.
33. Sacks, and bags of a shape similar to sacks, of a weight not less than 4 oz. and not more than 5 oz., measuring not less than 28 ins. by 14 ins. and not more than 30 ins. by 15½ ins., made wholly of woven cotton fabric and indelibly marked with a trade mark covering an area of not less than 80 sq. ins.	17½ per cent.
34. Waste wholly or mainly of wool, pulled or garnetted (including pulled or garnetted rags).	5 per cent.
35. Hatters' fur	5 per cent.
36. Aluminium oxide, anhydrous	10 per cent.
37. Zinc oxide	15 per cent.
38. Ultramarine blue	15 per cent.
39. Superphosphate of lime	17½ per cent.
40. Paints, painters' enamels, lacquers and varnishes (other than paste paints and pearl essence).	12½ per cent.
41. Dolomite, of a kind suitable for use as an extender ...	10 per cent.
42. Trunks, bags, wallets, pouches and other receptacles, made wholly or partly of leather or material resembling leather, whether fitted or not, except women's handbags and pochettes made wholly or mainly of leather, material resembling leather, composition leather, synthetic plastic material or paper board.	20 per cent.
43. Women's handbags and pochettes, whether fitted or not, made wholly or mainly of leather or material resembling leather—	
(*a*) without keylocks and not exceeding 12 ins. in length or width, exclusive of the handle;	1s. 6d. each or 15 per cent., whichever is the greater.
(*b*) other	2s. 3d. each or 20 per cent., whichever is the greater.
44. Rabbit skins, pulled but not dressed	5 per cent.
45. Paper, and board made from paper or pulp, whether coated or otherwise treated in any manner or not, of a weight when fully extended equivalent to not more than 90 lb. to the ream of 480 sheets of double-crown measuring 30 ins. by 20 ins. (but not including paper imported solely for the purpose of being spun into yarn or articles manufactured of paper or board), the following:—	
(*a*) machine glazed tissue paper	14 per cent.
(*b*) duplicating paper, in sheets measuring not less than 16½ ins. by 21 ins.	16⅔ per cent.
(*c*) printing paper, in rolls or in sheets measuring not less than 16½ ins. by 21 ins.	16⅔ per cent.
(*d*) strawpaper, being paper manufactured entirely from unbleached cereal straw pulp.	16⅔ per cent.

Class or Description of Goods	*Rate of Duty*
(*e*) paper of a weight when fully extended equivalent to more than 7 lb. to the ream of 480 sheets of double-crown measuring 30 ins. by 20 ins., the following:—	
(i) paper manufactured entirely of bleached or unbleached sulphate cellulose fibre without admixture of other fibres.	14 per cent.
(ii) machine glazed paper (excluding fully bleached white poster).	14 per cent.
(iii) greaseproof paper and imitation greaseproof paper.	14 per cent.
(iv) semi-chemical fluting paper	20 per cent.
46. Printed trade advertising material, the following:— Catalogues, lists and other books, publications and documents, and printed parts thereof.	15 per cent.
47. Vulcanised fibre in reels, coils, sheets, strips, rods or tubes, not further manufactured.	12½ per cent.
48. Motor vehicles (but not including motor-bicycles, motor-tricycles or tractors).	30 per cent.
49. Motor-bicycles with internal combustion piston engines of a cylinder capacity of not less than 800 cubic centimetres.	20 per cent.
50. Accessories and component parts of motor vehicles (other than engineers' hand tools)—	
(*a*) parts, of safety glass	25 per cent.
(*b*) other	30 per cent.
NOTE: Goods comprised in this paragraph are in certain cases to remain subject to any higher rate of duty applicable to them as goods of some other class or description.	
51. Parts and accessories of cycles (other than motor-cycles), the following:—	
(*a*) electric dynamo lighting sets, comprising dynamo and head lamp, with or without clips and wiring, and with or without rear lamp.	2s. 6d. per set or 27½ per cent., whichever is the greater.
(*b*) dynamos for lighting sets with or without clips and wiring; and cases (or bodies) thereof, whether complete or not.	2s. each or 27½ per cent., whichever is the greater.
(*c*) electric lamps adapted for use on cycles; and cases (or bodies) thereof, whether complete or not.	6d. each or 27½ per cent., whichever is the greater.
(*d*) cycle bells	3d. each or 30 per cent., whichever is the greater.
52. Articles made wholly of ivory, the following:— Statuettes and figures Vases, bowls and similar vessels Chessmen.	25 per cent.
53. Articles of stationery, the following:— Loose leaf binders of the ring, prong or post type.	17½ per cent.
54. Linoleum	17½ per cent.
55. Parts and fittings for umbrellas, sunshades and walking-sticks (including canes), but not including:—	30 per cent.
(*a*) covers and shaped materials for making into covers, cases, cloth caps, tassels, cords, bands (whether elastic or not), rubber rings and parts and fittings wholly of wood;	
(*b*) handles and parts incorporating handles.	

Class or Description of Goods	*Rate of Duty*
56. Exposed cinematograph film	1d. per linear foot (with a proportionate increase for film of a greater width than the standard 1⅜ ins.).
57. Musical instruments, including gramophones, pianolas and other similar instruments, and records and other means of reproducing music, the following:—	20 per cent.
(*a*) combined recorders and reproducers (complete with amplifiers) for magnetic sound recordings on tape or wire; and combinations of such instruments with wireless receivers of the domestic type, with gramophones having electrical amplification, or with radio-gramophones;	
(*b*) sound amplification apparatus, the following, amplifiers and loudspeakers;	
(*c*) piano accordions.	
58. Steel or fibre gramophone needles	20 per cent.
59. Boot and shoe lasts and trees (including fillers)... ...	17½ per cent.

SCHEDULE

Amendments of Principal Order to give effect to alterations of Duty (other than exemptions)

Part I

Amendments of Table of Duties

[Note:—*Any rate of duty to be inserted in the Table of Duties in pursuance of this Part of this Schedule is to be inserted in the second column, unless otherwise stated.*]

1. In the entries shown in the following list the present rate of duty shall be omitted, and there shall be inserted the rate so shown.

The list above referred to	
Group V (5) (i) (*a*)	17½ per cent.
Group V (5) (i) (*b*)	20 per cent.
Group V (5) (iv)...	15 per cent.
Group V (5) (xix)	20 per cent.
Group V (5) (xx)	15 per cent.
Group VI (5) (ii)	17½ per cent.
Group VIII (1) (ii)	15 per cent.
Group X (5) (vi)...	12½ per cent.
Group XIV (1) (xviii)	15 per cent.
Group XIV (2) (i)	17½ per cent.
Group XVI (6)	12½ per cent.
Group XVII (2) (i) (*a*)	30 per cent.
Group XVII (3) (ii) (*a*)	2s. 6d. per set or 27½ per cent., whichever is the greater.
Group XVII (3) (ii) (*b*)	2s. 0d. each or 27½ per cent., whichever is the greater.

Group XVII (3) (ii) (*c*) ...	...	6d. each or 27½ per cent., whichever is the greater.
Group XVII (3) (ii) (*d*) ...	...	3d. each or 30 per cent., whichever is the greater.
Group XVIII (18) (ii) ...	...	17½ per cent.
Group XVIII (19) (iii) (*d*)	...	30 per cent.
Group XVIII (26) (i) (*c*) (1)	...	20 per cent.
Group XVIII (26) (i) (*c*) (2)	...	20 per cent.

2. At the end of Group I there shall be added a new paragraph:—

" (15) **Horse-radish root,** fresh or dried, whether whole or not, but not otherwise prepared or preserved.	5 per cent."

3.—(1) At the end of Group III (3) there shall be added a new sub-paragraph:—

" (vi) **Prawns and shrimps, canned**	7½ per cent."

(2) At the end of Group III there shall be added a new paragraph:—

" (4) **Canned soups,** but not including tomato soups or dried soups or extracts or essences of meat.	7½ per cent."

4.—(1) In Group IV (2) (iii) the words " 20 per cent." shall be omitted, and at the end of the sub-paragraph there shall be added (the rate in the new paragraph (*b*) being inserted in the third column)—

" (but not including parts of or accessories to motor vehicles)—		
(*a*) Laminated safety glass	17½ per cent.	—
(*b*) Other	—	20 per cent."

(2) For Group IV (3) there shall be substituted (the rate in the new sub-paragraph (i) being inserted in the third column)—

" (3) **Goods manufactured** wholly or partly of **asbestos** (but excluding asbestos yarns):—		
(i) Goods not comprised below in this paragraph.	—	15 per cent.
(ii) **Asbestos-cement** articles, not made partly of wood or other vegetable fibre, the following:— Sheets, plates, tiles, slates and roof capping; Tubes, pipes and pipe and tube fittings; Gutters and fittings for gutters.	12½ per cent.	—"

(3) For Group IV (5) there shall be substituted—

" (5) (i) **Marble** on which any process other than sawing has been carried out, except parts of clocks, tiles no side of which exceeds 2 feet in length and mosaic cubes.	17½ per cent.
(ii) **Marble** not further worked than roughly split, roughly squared or squared by sawing.	7½ per cent."

5.—(1) In Group V (3) (iv), for paragraph (*c*) there shall be substituted (the rate in the new paragraph (*c*) being inserted in the third column):—

" (*c*) if the value exceeds £9 per ton and does not exceed £41 5s. 0d. per ton;	—	£3 per ton or 20 per cent., whichever is the greater.
(*d*) if the value exceeds £41 5s. 0d. per ton.	£8 5s. 0d. per ton or 15 per cent., whichever is the greater.	—"

(2) In Group V (3) (v), immediately before paragraph (*a*) there shall be inserted (the rates in the new paragraph (*a*) (1) and (*a*) (2) being inserted in the third column)—

" (*a*) of a thickness not exceeding ⅛ inch, not plated, coated or clad and not being bi-metallic plates or sheets:—		
(1) if the value does not exceed £7 per ton.	—	£3 per ton.
(2) if the value exceeds £7 per ton and does not exceed £16 per ton.	—	£4 per ton or 33⅓ per cent., whichever is the greater.
(3) if the value exceeds £16 per ton.	£5 6s. 8d. per ton or 20 per cent., whichever is the greater.	—

(*b*) other plates and sheets ";

and the present paragraphs (*a*)–(*d*) shall be renumbered as sub-paragraphs (1)–(4) of the new paragraph (*b*).

(3) Group V (3) (vi) shall be amended by inserting in paragraph (*c*) at the end of the words in the first column the words " and does not exceed £41 5s. 0d. per ton " and by adding a new paragraph—

" (*d*) if the value exceeds £41 5s. 0d. per ton		£8 5s. 0d. per ton or 15 per cent., whichever is the greater ".

(4) In Group V (5) (vii) the words " 20 per cent." shall be omitted, and there shall be added (the rate in the new paragraph (*b*) being inserted in the third column)—

" (*a*) Anchors and grapnels and parts thereof;	17½ per cent.	—
(*b*) Chains and ships' cables ...	—	20 per cent."

(5) For Group V (5) (ix) there shall be substituted (the rate in paragraph (*a*) being inserted in the third column)—

" **(ix) Wire, wire cable and rope** (but not including electric wires and cables, insulated) and upholstery and mattress wire springs—		
(*a*) Articles not comprised below in this sub-paragraph;	—	33⅓ per cent.
(*b*) Wire and wire cable and rope, of a value exceeding £75 per ton, except single wire and barbed wire;	£25 per ton or 25 per cent., whichever is the greater.	—
(*c*) Single wire of a value exceeding £60 per ton.	£20 per ton or 25 per cent., whichever is the greater.	—"

(6) In Group V (5) (xx) the expression " single wire " shall be substituted for the expression " single strand wire ".

6. In Group VI (1) (i) there shall be omitted in paragraph (*a*) the words " (other than pedestal chairs with reclining movement)," and in paragraph (*b*) the entry relating to pedestal chairs.

7.—(1) At the end of Group VII (4) there shall be added—

" (iii) **Venetian blind strip,** in coils, of **aluminium** or of alloy containing more than 50 per cent. by weight of aluminium, lacquered or enamelled and curved across the width, but not further manufactured or prepared.	15 per cent."

(2) Group VII (6) shall be renumbered as Group VII (6) (i) and at the end of it there shall be added:—

" (ii) **Zinc powder** and dust	15 per cent."

8.—(1) In Group VIII (4) (i) there shall be inserted (in the third column) the words " 17½ per cent." in place of the words " 20 per cent."; and in Group XV (6), in paragraph (*d*) of the List of Exceptions, after the word " Machinery " there shall be inserted the word " tools ".

(2) At the end of Group VIII (4) there shall be added (the rate being inserted in the third column)—

" (xi) **Metal measuring tapes**	20 per cent."

(3) Group VIII (4) shall also be amended by inserting in sub-paragraph (i) after the words " parts thereof " the words " (other than handles of ash wood) ", at the end of sub-paragraph (ii) the words " other than ash wood " and at the end of sub-paragraph (iii) the words " other than handles of ash wood ".

9.—(1) For Group IX (1) (i) there shall be substituted (the rate in the new paragraph (*a*) being inserted in the third column):—

" (i) **Wires and cables,** insulated—		
(*a*) wire insulated only with enamel, varnish or lacquer, and parts of and accessories to wires and cables (however insulated).	—	20 per cent.
(*b*) other	17½ per cent.	— "

(2) For Group IX (1) (iii) there shall be substituted (the rate in the new paragraph (*b*) being inserted in the third column):—

" (iii) **Wireless apparatus**—		
(*a*) radio (including radar and television) transmitting sets, receiving sets and combined transmitting and receiving sets, complete, except sets designed or adapted for fitting to motor vehicles and receiving sets of the domestic or portable type.	17½ per cent.	—
(*b*) other (including parts of and accessories to articles comprised in paragraph (*a*) above).	—	20 per cent."

(3) At the end of Group IX there shall be added:—

" (5) (i) **Mercury arc rectifiers,** being rectifiers with mercury pool cathodes.	17½ per cent.
(ii) **Transformers** rated at not less than 1 K.V.A. on continuous load.	17½ per cent."

10.—(1) In Group X (1), there shall be inserted (in the third column) the words "17½ per cent." in place of the words "20 per cent.", and accordingly in Group X (4), sub-paragraph (x) shall be omitted; and in Group XVIII (8) for the words "and weighing machines" there shall be substituted the words "machinery and parts thereof and".

(2) In Group X (2) (i), paragraph (*b*) shall be renumbered as paragraph (*c*), and immediately before it there shall be inserted—

"(*b*) **Sheep shearers** and other animal hair clipping machines, flexible drive and vacuum operated types. 12½ per cent."

(3) Group X (2) (ii) shall be amended by omitting the words "milking machines" and shall be renumbered as sub-paragraph (ii) (*a*); and at the end of it there shall be added—

"(*b*) **Milking machines** ... ... 12½ per cent."

(4) At the end of Group X (3) there shall be added (the rate being inserted in the third column)—

"(vi) **Electric typewriters** ... ... 20 per cent."

(5) Sub-paragraph (i) in Group X (5) shall be renumbered as sub-paragraph (i) (*a*) and at the end of it there shall be added—

"(*b*) Forged or cast **rolls** of iron or steel **for rolling mills** 20 per cent."

and there shall be omitted in Group X (1), paragraph (*a*) in the List of Exceptions and in Group V (3), the words "and rolls for rolling mills" in sub-paragraph (vii) and the words "(including rolls for rolling mills)" in sub-paragraph (viii).

(6) For Group X (7) (i) there shall be substituted (the rates in paragraphs (*c*) and (*d*) being inserted in the third column)—

"(7) (i) **Textile machinery** and parts thereof of the following kinds:—		
(*a*) Warp tying, warp drawing, warp knitting and flat bar knitting machines, not comprised elsewhere in this sub-paragraph.	15 per cent.	—
(*b*) Flat bar knitting machines, power-operated, other than warp knitting machines and full-fashioned hose knitting machines.	12½ per cent.	—
(*c*) Full-fashioned hose knitting machines and parts thereof.	—	20 per cent.
(*d*) Bobbins, cones, cops, pirns, spools, tubes and the like.	—	20 per cent."

(7) In the List of Exceptions in Group X (1) there shall be inserted as paragraph (*a*) (in place of the paragraph omitted by the foregoing provisions of this paragraph)—

"(*a*) Clocks and parts of clocks."

(8) At the end of paragraph (*h*) in that List of Exceptions, there shall be added—

"(iv) of rubber coated steel strip, exceeding 10 ins. in width, imported in coils."

(9) At the end of that List of Exceptions, there shall be added—

"(*m*) Shaped flint blocks of a kind used for lining tube mill drums and grinding cylinders."

(10) At the end of Group X there shall be added as paragraphs (15) to (23) (the rates in paragraphs (22) and (23) being inserted in the third column)—

" (15) **Transmission chain** of iron or steel other than cycle chain, motor vehicle chain and chain comprised in paragraph (2) of this Group.	20 per cent.	—
(16) (i) **Woven textile felts** of a kind used in **paper-making machinery**, in the form of tubes or endless bands, whether woven as such or assembled by splicing, sewing or otherwise, or in the form of flat tissues fitted with eyelets or other means of fastening, ready for assembly into tubes or endless bands by such fastening.	15 per cent.	—
(ii) **Fourdrinier paper-machine wires.**	20 per cent.	—
(17) **Electrical and hydraulic machinery** and parts (not including parts or accessories of motor vehicles, articles comprised in paragraph (3) of Group VIII, electric meters or parts, wood split pulleys or parts, chains or parts, ball or roller bearings or parts, tubes, pipes, tube or pipe fittings, springs, nuts, bolts or washers) the following:—	17½ per cent.	—
(i) **electrical**, the following:— motors, not exceeding 250 h.p. and not being toys or parts of toys, of musical instruments or of clocks, and parts of such motors, generators (other than dynamos for cycle lighting sets) and parts thereof, rotary convertors;		
(ii) **hydraulic**, the following:— presses, accumulators, weight loaded or compressed air loaded, control units for such accumulators.		
(18) **Machines** of the types used for preparing **macaroni** and similar cereal foods, the following:— Extruders, spreaders, coilers and combinations of those machines.	15 per cent.	—

(19) **Cigar-making machines,** the following:— Bunch making machines, rolling machines and combinations of those machines.	15 per cent.	—
(20) **Aircraft tyres** and tubes and parts thereof.	20 per cent.	—
(21) **Diamonds** pierced so as to be adapted for use in **wire-drawing dies,** unmounted or mounted suitably for such use.	20 per cent.	—
(22) **Felt polishing bobs**	—	20 per cent.
(23) **Rail locomotives,** and parts thereof other than one-piece cast steel locomotive beds.	—	20 per cent."

11.—(1) For Group XI (6) there shall be substituted:—

" (6) **Parts of prefabricated wooden buildings,** being buildings imported complete but unassembled, the following:— Components wholly or mainly of wood.	15 per cent."

(2) In Group XI there shall be inserted after paragraph (13)—

" (14) **Ash wood** in square sawn straight lengths of not less than 17 inches and not more than 108 inches, of uniform square cross section of not less than $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches square and not more than $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches square, not further prepared or manufactured.	5 per cent.
(15) **Wooden boot last blocks** roughly shaped by sawing or turning, but not further manufactured.	7½ per cent.
(16) **Wooden blocks** of a length exceeding 18 inches but not exceeding 40 inches and of a sectional perimeter exceeding 18 inches but not exceeding 44 inches, roughly sawn to an **octagonal shape** in cross section, but not further prepared or manufactured.	7½ per cent.
(17) **Wooden beadings and mouldings**	15 per cent.
(18) **Articles manufactured** wholly or mainly **of wood,** the following:— Bath trays, bread boards, butter patters, candlesticks, clothes horses, clothes pegs, coat hangers, egg cups, forks and salad servers, plate racks, platters and dishes, pots and jars, rolling pins, spoons, towel rails and washing boards.	17½ per cent.
(19) **Articles of wood** of a kind used solely **for ornamental or religious purposes** the following (but not including imitation jewellery):— Statuettes and figures, Carved pictures and wall plaques, Carved picture frames.	15 per cent."

(3) The List of Exceptions at the end of Group XI shall be amended by omitting paragraphs (*m*) and (*p*), by renumbering paragraphs (*n*), (*o*) and (*q*) accordingly, and by adding at the end—

" (*p*) Stems of turned ash wood, being straight lengths of not less than 18 inches and not more than 42 inches, of circular cross section of diameter (uniform throughout the length) not less than $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches and not more than $1\frac{11}{16}$ inches, not further prepared or manufactured."

12.—(1) In Group XII (3) the words " 20 per cent." shall be omitted, and at the end of the paragraph there shall be added (the rate in the new sub-paragraph (i) being inserted in the third column)—

" (i) Goods not comprised below in this paragraph.	—	20 per cent.
(ii) Goods of a weight not less than 4 oz. and not more than 5 oz., measuring not less than 28 inches by 14 inches and not more than 30 inches by 15½ inches, made wholly of woven cotton fabric and indelibly marked with a trade mark covering an area of not less than 80 square inches.	17½ per cent.	— "

(2) At the end of Group XII there shall be added—

" (15) **Waste** wholly or mainly of **wool**, pulled or garnetted (including pulled or garnetted rags).	5 per cent.
(16) **Hatters' fur**	5 per cent."

13.—(1) For Group XIV (1) (iv) (*c*) there shall be substituted (the rate being inserted in the third column)—

" (*c*) **Aluminium oxide,** hydrated	£3 per ton or 20 per cent., whichever is the greater."

(2) At the end of Group XIV (1) there shall be added -

" (xxiii) **Ultramarine blue**	15 per cent."

(3) In Group XIV (3) (i), paragraph (*c*) shall be omitted, and for paragraph (*a*) there shall be substituted -

" (*a*) not comprised below in this sub-paragraph ...	12½ per cent."

(4) In Group XIV (3) (iii) the word " dolomite " shall be inserted after the word " graphite ".

14.—(1) In Group XV, paragraph (4) shall be omitted, and for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted—

" (3) (i) **Trunks, bags, wallets, pouches** and other receptacles, made wholly or partly of leather or material resembling leather, whether fitted or not, other than goods comprised below in this paragraph.	20 per cent.
(ii) **Women's handbags and pochettes,** whether fitted or not, made wholly or mainly of leather, material resembling leather, composition leather, synthetic plastic material or paperboard—	
(*a*) without keylocks and not exceeding 12 inches in length or width exclusive of the handle.	1s. 6d. each or 15 per cent., whichever is the greater.
(*b*) other	2s. 3d. each or 20 per cent., whichever is the greater."

(2) After Group XV (3) there shall be inserted (in place of the paragraph omitted by sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph):—

" (4) **Rabbit skins,** pulled but not dressed	5 per cent."

15.—(1) For Group XVI (1) (ii) there shall be substituted—

" (ii) **Tissue paper**—	
(*a*) machine glazed	14 per cent.
(*b*) other	16⅔ per cent."

(2) In Group XVI (1) (iii) after the word " Writing " there shall be inserted the words " or duplicating ".

(3) In Group XVI (1) sub-paragraph (iv) shall be renumbered as sub-paragraph (vi) and immediately before it there shall be inserted—

" (iv) **Printing paper** in rolls or in sheets measuring not less than 16½ inches by 21 inches.	16⅔ per cent.
(v) **Strawpaper,** being paper manufactured entirely from unbleached cereal straw pulp.	16⅔ per cent."

(4) In Group XVI (1) (vi) as so renumbered paragraph (*a*) shall be amended by substituting the words " 14 per cent." for the words " 16⅔ per cent.", and for paragraphs (*b*) to (*e*) there shall be substituted—

" (*b*) **Machine glazed paper** (excluding fully bleached white poster).	14 per cent.
(*c*) **Greaseproof and imitation greaseproof paper** ...	14 per cent."

(5) In Group XVI (3) sub-paragraph (iii) shall be renumbered as sub-paragraph (iv) and immediately before it there shall be inserted—

" (iii) **Printed trade advertising material,** the following:— Catalogues, lists and other books, publications and documents, and printed parts thereof.	15 per cent."

and in sub-paragraph (ii) for the words " Trade catalogues, trade lists and trade advertising material " there shall be substituted the words " Trade advertising material not comprised in sub-paragraph (iii) below ".

16.—(1) In Group XVII (2) (i) for paragraph (*c*) there shall be substituted—

" (*c*) Motor-bicycles not comprised in paragraph (*d*) below and motor-tricycles.	22½ per cent.
(*d*) Motor-bicycles with internal combustion piston engines of a cylinder capacity of not less than 800 cubic centimetres.	20 per cent."

(2) For Group XVII (2) (ii) (*e*) there shall be substituted (the rate in the new paragraph (*f*) being inserted in the third column)—

" (*e*) Parts, of safety glass ...	25 per cent.	—
(*f*) Other	—	30 per cent."

17.—(1) In Group XVIII (8) sub-paragraph (ii) shall be renumbered as sub-paragraph (iii), and immediately before it there shall be inserted:—

" (ii) **Articles** made wholly of **ivory,** the following:— Statuettes and figures; Vases, bowls and similar vessels; Chessmen.	25 per cent."

(2) At the end of Group XVIII (14) there shall be added:—

" (xi) **Loose-leaf binders** of the ring, prong or post type	17½ per cent."

(3) For Group XVIII (20) (iii) there shall be substituted:—

" (iii) **Exposed cinematograph film,** other than:— (*a*) not developed; (*b*) developed, negative; (*c*) developed, containing only optically recorded sound track; (*d*) developed, positive, without sound track of any description, in two or more lengths representing the same objects, imported together and designed for use as a set, each complementary to the other or others, in the production of a coloured film.	1d. per linear foot."

(4) Group XVIII (26) (i) (*a*) shall be amended by adding at the end of the words in the first column the words " **combined recorders and reproducers** (complete with amplifiers) **for magnetic sound recording on tape or wire**; and combinations of such recorders and reproducers with such gramophones or with wireless receivers of the domestic type ".

(5) Group XVIII (26) (i) shall also be amended by renumbering paragraphs (*g*) and (*h*) as paragraphs (*h*) and (*i*), and by substituting for paragraph (*f*):—

"(*f*) **Concertinas and accordions** other than piano accordions	25 per cent.
(*g*) **Piano accordions**	20 per cent."

(6) For Group XVIII (26) (ii) (*c*) there shall be substituted:—

"(*c*) **Gramophone needles:**—	
(1) of steel or fibre	20 per cent.
(2) other	25 per cent."

(7) At the end of Group XVIII there shall be added:—

"(27) **Boot and shoe lasts and trees** (including fillers)...	17½ per cent."

PART II

AMENDMENTS OF SECOND ANNEX

18.—(1) The Second Annex to the principal Order (which specifies certain classes or descriptions of goods on which no additional duty is chargeable) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.

(2) At the end of paragraph 4 (3) there shall be added—
"(iv) of rubber coated steel strip, exceeding 10 inches in width, imported in coils."

(3) At the end of paragraph 4 there shall be added—
"(4) Adjustable steel pit props".

(4) There shall be omitted the entry "8. Hatter's fur".

(5) In place of that entry there shall be inserted—
"8. Asbestos yarns (with or without core of other material)."

PART III

AMENDMENTS OF THIRD ANNEX

19.—(1) The Third Annex to the principal Order (which specifies certain classes or descriptions of goods on which the rate of duty is restricted to that chargeable under a specified heading in the Table of Duties) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.

(2) In the entry relating to Group IV (3), for the reference to Group IV (3) there shall be substituted a reference to Group IV (3) (i).

(3) The entries relating to Group V (3) (iv) (*c*) and to Group V (3) (vi) (*c*) shall be omitted.

(4) At the end of the entry relating to Group VIII (4) (i) there shall be added—
"(*c*) engineers', carpenters' and joiners' tools, other than brushes, felt polishing bobs and diamonds pierced so as to be adapted for use in wire drawing dies, unmounted or mounted suitably for such use."

(5) In the entry relating to Group IX (1) (iii), for the reference to Group IX (1) (iii) there shall be substituted a reference to Group IX (1) (iii) (*b*), and paragraph (*b*) shall be omitted.

(6) In the entry relating to Group X (1), for paragraphs (*c*) to (*g*) there shall be substituted—

"(*c*) Piston rings of a diameter of 5 inches or over when compressed.

(*d*) Machines for spraying paint and other coatings.

(*e*) Packing and labelling machines.

(*f*) Bottle cleaning machines, bottle sterilizing machines and combinations thereof with or without bottle-filling machines or bottle-capping machines.

(*g*) Milk can washing machines with can inverting mechanism.

(*h*) Tanning and leather working machines, including machines for making or repairing boots or shoes.

(*i*) Power-driven aircraft, and parts (not excepted below) constructed or adapted solely for incorporation in such aircraft.

(*j*) Earth working and land clearing machines, the following; graders (towed), earth movers (towed) incorporating elevating loaders, trenching, ditching, earth boring and tree and brush cutting attachments for tractors, vibratory tampers and tamping rollers; and parts (not excepted below) constructed or adapted solely for incorporation therein.

(*k*) Parts (not excepted below) constructed or adapted solely for incorporation in the following power-operated excavating machines (including levelling machines) and lifting machines, namely, excavators (including long range excavators), angledozer and bulldozer attachments, motor graders, dumpers, rippers and rooters, scrapers, road rollers, trenching machines and ditchers, cranes, hoists, winches, and lifts (elevators).

(*l*) Machines of the following kinds, and parts (not excepted below) of those machines:—

(i) machine tools for metal working, and portable power tools (electric);

(ii) printing machines, but not including textile printing machines or photo-copying machines;

(iii) office machinery, but not including photo-copying machines or parts, time recorders or parts, telegraph or telephone apparatus or parts, parts of machines operated in conjunction with punched cards or parts of dictating machines or of reproducing machines or record shaving machines adapted for use in conjunction with dictating machines;

(iv) the following electrically operated machines, of the types used for domestic and household purposes, namely, bread buttering and slicing machines, fans, floor polishers, floor scrubbers, hair dryers, knife cleaners, knife sharpeners, and vegetable peelers;

(v) the following electrically operated machines, namely, hand and face dryers, hedge trimmers, lawn mowers, shoe polishers.

(*m*) Parts (not excepted below) of the following machines:—

(i) portable power tools (pneumatic);

(ii) air and gas compressors and exhausters;

(iii) power pumps;

(iv) weaving looms, and textile machines for processes preparatory to weaving but subsequent to spinning and twisting;

(v) sewing machines;

(vi) type-setting machines;

(vii) machines, of the types used for domestic and household purposes, the following, food grinders or slicers and fruit juice extractors;

(viii) machines, electrically operated and of the types used for domestic and household purposes, the following, food mixers, dish washers, drink mixers and refuse disposal units;

(ix) electrically operated hair clippers and dry shavers;

(x) electrically operated vacuum cleaners;

(xi) refrigerating machines.

NOTE:—Paragraphs (*i*) to (*m*) above do not include any of the following, namely, parts and accessories of motor vehicles, articles comprised in paragraph (3) of Group VIII in the Table of Duties, electric meters and parts, chains and parts, tubes, pipes, tube or pipe fittings, springs, nuts, bolts and washers."

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes certain changes in the Customs duties chargeable under the Import Duties Act, 1932, in accordance with or consequential upon the undertakings given by the United Kingdom at Geneva in the May, 1956 Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The First Annex to the Order lists the goods which are to be exempted from duty.

The Second Annex sets out the goods on which the duty is to be reduced and the reduced rates of duty applicable thereto. It also includes certain iron and steel goods on which the duty is increased from 15 per cent. to 20 per cent. ad valorem (Item 10(*b*)), and certain handbags etc. made partly (but not mainly) from leather or material resembling leather, on which there may be an increase of duty in that the rate previously applicable of 1s. 6d. each or 17½ per cent. ad valorem, whichever is the greater, has been changed to 20 per cent. ad valorem (Item 42).

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The Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1956

Made - - - -	*20th January*, 1956
Laid before the House of Commons	*24th January*, 1956
Coming into Operation	*28th January*, 1956

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section nine of the Finance Act, 1933(**a**), and section one of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939(**b**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

1. In paragraph (1) of Article 1 of the Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1953(**c**) (which exempts from all duties on silk and artificial silk certain engravings and etchings), for sub-paragraph (*c*) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—

"(*c*) prints and impressions of the following description, not being works of traditional or conventional craftsmanship—

engravings, etchings, lithographs, silk-screen prints and similar prints or impressions, framed or unframed, produced from blocks, plates, stencils or other materials which have been hand-worked or otherwise prepared by the artist;

(*d*) stencils and similar articles prepared by the artist for producing prints or impressions falling within the last foregoing sub-paragraph."

2.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1956.

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

Dated this twentieth day of January, 1956.

Gerald Wills,
Peter Legh,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(**a**) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 19. (**b**) 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 97. (**c**) S.I. 1953/1638 (1953 I, p. 510).