EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Article 1 of this Order removes from the Schedule of goods chargeable with additional duty under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a number of chemicals and certain cinematograph cameras and appliances which, by reason of the imposition of, or cessation of temporary exemption from, duty under the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921, are no longer subject to the provisions of the Import Duties Act, 1932.

Article 2 of the Order corrects minor typographical errors in the Import Duties (Geneva Agreement) Order, 1947.

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(3) IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

The Import Duties (Imperial Preference) Order, 1948

1948 No. 1813

Made - - - - - - -	31*st July*, 1948.
Laid before the House of Commons	3*rd August*, 1948
Coming into Operation - - -	9*th August*, 1948

Whereas the Board of Trade have recommended, and it appears to the Treasury, having regard to the Geneva Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, to be expedient, that this Order should have effect:

Now, therefore, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section nine of the Finance Act, 1948, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 49.

Motor bicycles, tricycles and agricultural tractors. 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 46. 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 8.

1. Notwithstanding anything in section six of the Finance Act, 1938 (which requires certain Empire goods to be charged with duty at a preferential rate of two-thirds of the full rate) motor-bicycles, motor-tricycles and agricultural tractors (not being track-laying tractors) which are Empire goods within the meaning of that section shall respectively be charged with duty under Part I of the Import Duties Act, 1932, at the like rates as are for the time being chargeable on the like goods which are not Empire goods.

Short title, interpretation and commencement. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

2.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Import Duties (Imperial Preference) Order, 1948.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply in the interpretation of this Order as it applies in the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) This Order shall come into operation on the 9th day of August, 1948.

Dated this 31st day of July, 1948.

C. James Simmons,
Joseph Henderson,
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 is made to fulfil the obligation entered into under the Geneva Agreement to eliminate the margin of Imperial Preference in the case of motor bicycles, motor tricycles and agricultural tractors (except the track-laying type). Empire goods of these kinds have hitherto been chargeable with customs duty at two-thirds of the full rate.

The full rate on motor bicycles and motor tricycles is being reduced from 33⅓ per cent. to 22½ per cent. by the Additional Import Duties (No. 2) Order, 1948, which is being made concurrently with this Order. The full rate of 15 per cent. chargeable on the above-mentioned agricultural tractors will, however, remain the same.

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(4) SILK DUTIES

[Drawbacks *see* p. 662 below.]

The Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1948

1948 No. 1814

Made - - - - - - -	31*st July*, 1948
Laid before the House of Commons	3*rd August*, 1948
Coming into Operation - - -	9*th August*, 1948

Whereas the Treasury are of opinion—

(*a*) so far as the provisions of this Order hereinafter set out relate to products other than Empire products, after consultation with the Board of Trade; and

(*b*) so far as the said provisions relate to Empire products, upon the recommendation of the Board of Trade and 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,

that it is expedient that the said provisions should have effect:

And whereas the Treasury are satisfied that none of the agreements defined by the Ottawa Agreements Act, 1932, as the scheduled agreements will be contravened by any of the provisions of this Order: 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 53.

Now, therefore, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the directions given them by paragraph (*d*) of subsection (3) of section three of the Finance Act, 1937, and by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section nineteen of the Import Duties Act, 1932, section nine of the Finance Act 1933, section one of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, subsection (5) of section five of the Finance Act, 1947, and section nine of the Finance Act, 1948, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:— 1 Edw. 8. & 1 Geo. 6. c. 54. 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 8. 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 19. 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 97. 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 35. 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 49.

1. The full rates, and the preferential rates in the case of Empire products, of the duties of customs chargeable under section nine of the Finance Act, 1933, on articles of apparel made wholly or partly of silk Variation of duties of customs on articles of apparel.