STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Import Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1974

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 5(1) and (4) of, and paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to, the Import Duties Act 1958(**a**), as amended by paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act 1972(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Import Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 25th January 1974.

(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.

2.—(1) Up to and including 31st March 1974 no import duty shall be charged on a quantity of 50,000 tonnes (hereinafter referred to as the "quota") of goods of heading 73.08 (iron or steel coils for re-rolling) of the Customs Tariff 1959.

(2) The following classes of goods shall not be treated as forming part of the quota, namely:

(*a*) goods on which, apart from this Order, no import duty would be chargeable;

(*b*) goods exempt from duty by virtue of Article 3 below.

(3) Goods shall be treated as forming part of the quota in the order in which they are entered for home use (within the meaning of the Customs and Excise Act 1952(**d**)) in the United Kingdom on or after the date of coming into operation of this Order.

3.—(1) So long as relief is available in respect of the quota, no import duty shall be charged on goods of the said heading 73.08 which satisfy the requisite conditions to benefit from Regulation (EEC) 385/73(**e**) (relating to goods entitled to benefit from the eventual abolition of customs duties in trade between the United Kingdom and the other member States of the Communities).

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1) above relief shall be treated as being available in respect of the quota until two days after the end of the last day on which goods of that heading are entitled to exemption from import duty by virtue of Article 2 above.

Geoffrey Howe,
Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs,
Department of Trade and Industry.

22nd January 1974.

(**a**) 1958 c. 6. (**b**) 1972 c. 68. (**c**) 1889 c. 63. (**d**) 1952 c. 44. (**e**) O.J. L 42, 14.2. 1973, p.l.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order which comes into operation on 25th January 1974 provides for the opening and administration of a tariff quota of 50,000 tonnes of iron and steel coils for re-rolling imported into the United Kingdom from countries which are not Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community.

The Order provides for exemption from duty until 31st March 1974 for imports of such goods within the quota.

Goods are treated as forming part of the quota in the order in which they are entered for home use on or after the date of coming into operation of this Order.

The Order also provides that goods shall not constitute part of the quota if duty would not be chargeable apart from this Order, and that no duty shall be chargeable on goods satisfying the requisite conditions to benefit from the eventual abolition of customs duties between the United Kingdom and other Member States of the Communities until after the quota has been exhausted.

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