STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 463

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 4) Order 1975

Made - - - - 19*th March* 1975

Laid before the House of Commons 20*th March* 1975

Coming into Operation 1*st April* 1975

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by sections 1, 3(6) and 13 of the Import Duties Act 1958**(a)**, as amended**(b)**, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State**(c)**, hereby make the following Order:

Citation, operation, interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 4) Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1975.

(2) In this Order—

references to a heading are references to a heading of the Customs Tariff 1959 and

"the relevant date" in relation to any goods specified in column 2 of the Schedule hereto means 31st December 1975 or, if an earlier date is there specified in relation to the goods, the date so specified.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889**(d)** shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Intra-Community trade

2. Up to and including the relevant date, no import duty shall be charged on goods which fall within a heading specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto and are of a description specified in column 2 thereof if they 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 member States of the European Communities).

(a) 1958 c. 6.
(b) *See* paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68).
(c) *See* S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).
(d) 1889 c. 63.
(e) O.J. No. L42, 14.2.1973, p.1.

The full rate

3.—(1) Up to and including the relevant date, in the case of goods which fall within a heading specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto and are of a description specified in column 2 thereof, if a rate of duty is shown in column 3 thereof in relation to the goods, import duty shall be charged at the rate so shown instead of any higher rate which would otherwise apply.

(2) If no entry appears in column 3 of the Schedule hereto in relation to goods of a description specified in column 2 thereof, no exemption from or reduction in duty applies to such goods by virtue of this Article.

(3) Paragraph (1) above shall operate without prejudice to the exemptions provided for by Article 2 above or Article 5 below or to any greater reduction provided for by Article 4 below.

Cyprus, Egypt

4.—(1) Up to and including the relevant date, any import duty for the time being chargeable on goods which fall within a heading specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto and are of a description specified in column 2 thereof shall be charged:

(*a*) at the rate, if any, shown in column 4 thereof in relation to the description if the goods originate in Cyprus;

(*b*) at the rate, if any, shown in column 5 thereof in relation to the description if the goods originate in Egypt.

(2) For the purposes of this Order, goods shall be regarded:

(*a*) as originating in Cyprus if they are to be so regarded under the Agreement, signed on 19th December 1972, between the European Economic Community and Cyprus**(a)** and

(*b*) as originating in Egypt if they are to be so regarded under the Agreement, signed on 18th December 1972, between the European Economic Community and Egypt**(b)**.

(3) If no entry appears in column 4 or 5 of the Schedule hereto in relation to goods of a description specified in column 2 thereof, no reduction in duty applies by virtue of this Article to goods of that description originating in Cyprus or Egypt.

(4) This Article shall operate without prejudice to any greater reduction in, or to any exemption from, import duties which may be available apart from this Order in the case of goods herein referred to by virtue of their being goods of a developing country or goods qualifying for Commonwealth preference or otherwise.

Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Article, up to and including the relevant date, no import duty shall be charged on goods which fall within a heading specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto and are of a description specified in column 2 thereof if the goods originate in Morocco, Tunisia or Turkey.

(a) The Agreement is annexed to Regulation (EEC) 1246/73 (O.J. No. L133, 21.5.73, p.1).
(b) The Agreement is annexed to Regulation (EEC) 2409/73 (O.J. No. L251, 7.9.1973, p.1.).

(2) The exemptions provided for by paragraph (1) of this Article shall not apply to goods which are of a description specified in column 2 of the Schedule hereto followed by the letters "ECSC".

(3) For the purposes of this Article goods shall be regarded as originating:

(*a*) in Morocco if they are to be so regarded under the Agreement, signed on 31st March 1969, between the European Economic Community and Morocco**(a)**,

(*b*) in Tunisia if they are to be so regarded under the Agreement signed on 28th March 1969, between the European Economic Community and Tunisia**(b)** and

(*c*) in Turkey if they are to be so regarded, or are to be regarded as in free circulation in Turkey, under—

(i) the Additional Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Turkey**(c)** or

(ii) the Decision of the Association Council No. 4/72 of 29th September 1972 annexed to Regulation (EEC) 428/73**(d)**.

6.—(1) Any description of goods in column 2 of the Schedule hereto shall be taken to comprise all goods which would be classified under an entry in the same terms constituting a subheading in the relevant heading in the Customs Tariff 1959.

(2) For the purposes of classification under the Customs Tariff 1959, in so far as that depends on the rate of duty, any goods to which this Order applies shall be treated as chargeable with the same duty as if this Order had not been made.

Donald R. Coleman,
J. Dormand,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

19th March 1975.

(a) The Agreement is annexed to Regulation (EEC) 2285/73 (O.J. No. L239, 27.8.1973, p.1).
(b) The Agreement is annexed to Regulation (EEC) 2286/73 (O.J. No. L239, 27.8.1973, p. 105).
(c) The Protocol is annexed to Regulation (EEC) 2760/72 (O.J. No. L293, 29.12.1972, p.1).
(d) O.J. No. L59, 5.3.1973, p. 73.

NOTE: Where no rate of duty is shown in column 3 there is no reduction in the full rate and where no rate is shown in columns 4 and 5 there is no reduction in the case of goods of Egypt or Cyprus as such)

SCHEDULE

GOODS SUBJECT TO TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN OR EXEMPTION FROM IMPORT DUTY

Tariff Heading (1)	Description (2)	Rates of Duty % Full (3)	Cyprus (4)	Egypt (5)
28.28	Lithium hydroxide	8	2·4	3·6
28.33	Sodum bromide containing not more than 0·50 per cent. by weight of chlorides expressed as Cl (up to and including 1 September 1975)	12	3·6	5·4
29.15	Benzyl *n*-butyl phthalate (up to and including 30th June 1975)	14·4	4·3	6·4
39.01	Nylon 11 in forms covered by Note 3(*b*) to Chapter 39	—	4	6·1
73.07	Blooms and billets, of iron or steel, rolled but not forged, and of a width not exceeding 55 millimetres (ECSC) (up to and including 30th June 1975)	4	—	—
73.08	Hot rolled steel coils for re-rolling not less than 2000 millimetres nor more than 2010 millimetres in width and not less than 3 millimetres nor more than 12·5 millimetres in thickness, containing not more than 1·8 per cent. by weight of manganese and not less than 0·15 per cent. and not more than 0·35 per cent. by weight of carbon as the major alloying elements (ECSC) (up to and including 30th June 1975)	6	—	—
73.12	Steel strip in coils, cold-rolled and edge-sheared but not plated, and having, on one side only, a mirror finish with a specular reflectivity of not less than 40 per cent. as measured in accordance with the method of testing in British Standard 1615, appendix Q; of a width of not less than 203 millimetres and not more than 458 millimetres and a thickness of not less than 0·2 millimetre and not more than 1·3 millimetres (up to and including 30th June 1975)	—	1·4%+ wig of 0·9% or £0·6613 per tonne	2·1%+ wig of 1·4% or £0·9921 per tonne
73.13	Sheets and plates of iron or steel, cold-rolled, containing not more than 0·007 per cent. by weight of carbon, of a thickness of			
	—3 millimetres or more	7	2·1	3·1
	—more than 1 millimetre but less than 3 millimetres (ECSC)	6	—	—
	—1 millimetre or less (ECSC) (up to and including 30th June 1975)	—	—	—

Tariff Heading (1)	Description (2)	Rates of Duty % Full (3)	Cyprus (4)	Egypt (5)
73.14	Iron or steel wire whose greatest cross-sectional dimension is not less than 0·25 millimetre and not more than 0·50 millimetre and whose length is not less than 15 millimetres and not more than 44 millimetres; containing less than 0·60 per cent. by weight of carbon	8	2·4	3·6
73.15	Alloy steel coils for re-rolling, which contain not less than 14 per cent. nor more than 18 per cent. by weight of chromium as the major alloying element, and not more than 0·5 per cent. by weight of nickel, and having a width exceeding 500 millimetres but not more than 1,372 millimetres, and a thickness of not less than 3 millimetres nor more than 6 millimetres (ECSC) (up to and including 30th June 1975)	6	—	—
	Alloy steel coils for re-rolling, containing not less than 16·0 per cent. nor more than 26·0 per cent. by weight of chromium, and not less than 6·0 per cent. nor more than 22·0 per cent. by weight of nickel as the major alloying elements, and having a width exceeding 500 millimetres but not more than 1,372 millimetres, and a thickness of not less than 2·5 millimetres nor more than 6 millimetres (ECSC) (up to and including 30th June 1975)	6	—	—
	Cold rolled non-oriented electrical steel (ECSC) in sheets or coils, whether or not coated, of a width exceeding 500 millimetres and being either:— (*a*) of a thickness of 0·50 millimetre with guaranteed maximum watts loss per kilogramme at 50 Hz and flux density of 1·0 Tesla of 1·45 watts per kilogramme, or (*b*) of a thickness of 0·35 millimetre with guaranteed maximum watts loss per kilogramme at 50 Hz and flux density of 1·0 Tesla of 1·25 watts per kilogramme	7	—	—
	Hot rolled alloy steel strip in coils, containing not less than 14 per cent. by weight nor more than 18 per cent. by weight of chromium as the major alloying element, and not more than 0·5 per cent. by weight of nickel, of a width of not less than 400 millimetres nor more than 500 millimetres and of a thickness of not less than 3 millimetres nor more than 6 millimetres (ECSC) (up to and including 30th June 1975)	7	—	—
	Hot rolled alloy steel strip in coils, containing not less than 16·0 per cent. nor more than 26·0 per cent. by weight of chromium, and not less than 6·0 per cent. nor more than 22·0 per cent. by weight of nickel as the major alloying elements, and not less the 0·5 per cent. nor more than 2·0 per cent. by weight of manganese; of a width of not less than 400 millimetres	7	—	—

Tariff Heading (1)	Description (2)	Rates of Duty % Full (3)	Cyprus (4)	Egypt (5)
73·15 *continued*	nor more than 500 millimetres and of a thickness of not less than 3 millimetres nor more than 6 millimetres (ECSC) (up to and including 30th June 1975)			
	Wire rod, of high carbon steel and of round section (ECSC) (up to and including 30th June 1975)	7	—	—
73.18	Oilwell casing, being seamless steel pipes externally threaded at both ends and having a steel coupling screwed on to the threads at one end, in overall lengths of not less than 7 metres and not more than 14 metres with an outside diameter apart from the coupling of not less than 125 millimetres and not more than 200 millimetres and a wall thickness apart from the coupling of not less than 6 millimetres and not more than 11 millimetres	10	3	4·5
	Seamless steel linepipe in lengths of not less than 4 metres and not more than 13 metres having an outside diameter of not less than 52 millimetres and not more than 360 millimetres and a wall thickness of not less then 2·7 millimetres and not more than 10·5 millimetres (up to and including 30th June 1975)	10	3	4·5
73.19	Steel pipes, longitudinally butt-welded, in lengths of not less than 6·5 metres and not more than 15 metres, with an outside diameter of not less than 750 millimetres and not more than 900 millimetres and a wall thickness of not less than 17 millimetres and not more than 23 millimetres; for use in the transmission of natural gas	10	3	4·5

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides for exemption from or reductions in import duty in the case of goods specified in the Schedule to the Order as from 1st April 1975 until 31st December 1975 or such earlier date as is there specified in relation to particular goods.

There is exemption from import duties in the case of all goods in the Schedule if the goods satisfy the requisite conditions to benefit from the eventual abolition of customs duties in trade between member States of the European Communities.

In the case of other goods, where a rate of duty is specified in column 3 of the Schedule, duty is reduced to that rate instead of any higher rate which would otherwise apply.

If the goods originate in Cyprus or Egypt greater reductions in duty are available than those referred to above, such reductions being shown in column 4 (Cyprus) and column 5 (Egypt) of the Schedule.

In the case of goods in the Schedule originating in Morocco, Tunisia or Turkey there is exemption from duty except for goods whose description in the Schedule is followed by the letters "ECSC".

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