STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 1318

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Import Duties (Tunisia) (Reductions) Order 1974

Made - - -	30*th July* 1974
Laid before the House of Commons	12*th August* 1974
Coming into Operation	1*st September* 1974

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:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Import Duties (Tunisia) (Reductions) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 12th August 1974.

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

2. The Import Duties (Morocco) (Reductions) Order 1974(**e**), as amended (**f**), shall apply in relation to goods originating in Tunisia as it applies in relation to goods originating in Morocco with the modification that any reference to Morocco (other than in Article 1) shall be construed as a reference to Tunisia.

3. In this Order references to goods originating in Tunisia are references to goods which—

(*a*) are to be regarded under the Agreement, signed on 28th March 1969, between the European Economic Community and Tunisia (**g**) as originating in Tunisia or,

(*b*) being products of a class excluded from the scope of the Protocol to the said Agreement (relating to origin of goods), are nevertheless goods of Tunisia.

4. This Order does not increase duties of customs otherwise than in pursuance of a Community obligation.

5. The Import Duties (Certain Mediterranean Countries) (Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1973(**h**) shall be amended by the omission in Article 2 thereof of the reference to Tunisia.

James A. Dunn,
M. Cocks,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

30th July 1974.

(**a**) 1958 c. 6.
(**b**) *See* section 5(5) of, and 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**) S.I. 1974/167 (1974 I, p. 558).
(**f**) S.I. 1974/867 (1974 II, p. 3330).
(**g**) The Agreement is annexed to Regulation (EEC) 2286/73 (O.J. No. L239, 27.8.73, p.105).
(**h**) S.I. 1973/2208 (1973 III, p. 7764)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which comes into operation on 1st September 1974, implements obligations of the United Kingdom, concerning import duties in 1974, under the Agreement of 28th March 1969 between the European Economic Community (E.E.C.) and Tunisia and the Protocol thereto of 28th February 1973. It applies to Tunisia the provisions of the Import Duties (Morocco) (Reductions) Order 1974 (S.I. 1974 No. 167).

The effect of the Order is that in the case of goods of a tariff heading or subheading specified in Schedule 1 (to S.I. 1974 No. 167), the rate of import duty is reduced to the same as that chargeable on goods satisfying the requisite conditions to benefit from the eventual abolition of customs duties between Member States of the E.E.C. This is the rate shown prefixed by the letter "M" in column 4 of Schedule 1 to the Import Duties (General) (No. 8) Order 1973 as amended (which sets out the United Kingdom Customs Tariff). In the case of goods of the tariff subheadings specified in Schedule 2 (to S.I. 1974 No. 167), import duty is reduced to the rates specifically set out in column 3 of that Schedule. The reductions in duty made by the Order do not affect any entitlement to a greater reduction in duty which may be available in the case of goods of Tunisia as goods of a developing country under the Generalised System of Preferences of the E.E.C.

The Order (Article 5) also deletes the reference to Tunisia in the Import Duties (Certain Mediterranean Countries) (Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1973, under which goods of Tunisia were exempted from increases in the full rate of duty applying from 1st January 1974 under the Import Duties (General) (No. 8) Order 1973.

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