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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Import Duty Reliefs (No. 1) Order 1972

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The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section 5 of the Import Duties Act 1958(**a**), as extended by section 1(4) of the Finance Act 1971(**b**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State, hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Import Duty Reliefs (No. 1) Order 1972.

(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.

(3) This Order shall come into operation on 1st April 1972.

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of article 3 below, import duty shall not be chargeable on articles which—

(*a*) consist wholly or mainly of cotton or silk or of a combination of the two; and

(*b*) are either handloom fabrics, as defined in paragraph (2) below, or articles made entirely or mainly of such handloom fabrics.

(2) For the purposes of this article, handloom fabrics are fabrics which—

(*a*) contain more than 50 per cent. by weight of cotton, of silk, or of both together, and do not contain more than 5 per cent. by weight of man-made fibres; and

(*b*) are of a type traditionally woven on a handloom; and

(*c*) have been woven on a handloom for which the motive power is provided entirely by the operator, that is to say, where the three primary movements of weaving (namely shedding, picking and beating) are induced by hand or foot and are not in any way power-assisted.

3.—(1) The relief from import duty provided for by article 2 above shall not apply to articles falling within that provision unless—

(*a*) they are certified, in accordance with paragraph (2) below, to be handloom goods of a country claiming to be a developing country or to be manufactured in such a country from handloom goods of that country, and

(*b*) they are certified by the Secretary of State to be imported in accordance with arrangements made between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the government of that country.

(a) 1958 c. 6. (b) 1971 c. 68. (c) 1889 c. 63.

(2) The certificate required for the purposes of paragraph (1)(*a*) above

(*a*) shall be given by or on behalf of, or by a body authorised by, the government of the country where the articles were made, and

(*b*) shall certify that the articles themselves, or the fabrics of which they are made up as mentioned in article 2(1) above, fall within the description of handloom fabrics in article 2(2) above, and

(*c*) shall contain a description of the articles specifying—

(i) the quantity of handloom fabrics to which the certificate relates or, in the case of made-up articles, the number of articles and the quantity of handloom fabrics of which they are made up; and

(ii) the name and address of the manufacturer of the articles and, in the case of made-up articles, of the handloom fabrics of which they are made up.

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Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury

3rd March 1972.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which will come into operation on 1st April 1972, provides for certain handloom goods to be relieved from the duties otherwise chargeable under the Import Duties Act 1958.

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