1969 No. 1339

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Import Duty Reliefs Order 1969

Made - - - -	19*th September* 1969
Laid before the House of Commons -	25*th September* 1969
Coming into operation -	1*st October* 1969

Whereas it appears to the Treasury expedient that the relief from import duties provided by this Order should be allowed with a view to conforming with the agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials drawn up at the Fifth Session of the General Convention of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation and signed on behalf of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom at Lake Success on 22nd November 1950:

Now, therefore, the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by sections 5 and 13 of the Import Duties Act 1958(**a**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, on the recommendation of the Board of Trade hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Import Duty Reliefs Order 1969.

(2) The Import Duty Reliefs (No. 4) Order 1958(**b**) (which was made under the said section 5 with reference to the said U.N.E.S.C.O. Agreement and enables the Treasury on the recommendation of the Board of Trade to direct relief from import duty in the case of goods designed for the educational, scientific or cultural advancement of the blind) is hereby revoked, except in so far as by Article 1(3) thereof repayment of duty is required in the case of goods which have been the subject of a direction given under the Order.

(3) Without prejudice to paragraph (2) above, the Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(4) This Order shall come into operation on 1st October 1969.

2.—(1) If in the case of any goods it is shown to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade, and certified by the Board to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, that they are specially designed for the educational, scientific or cultural advancement of the blind, and the goods on importation are or are to be consigned either—

(*a*) to a local authority or joint board exercising for the welfare of the blind powers conferred by any of the enactments mentioned below; or

(**a**) 1958 c. 6. (**b**) S.I. 1958/1976 (1958 I, p. 797). (**c**) 1889 c. 63.

(*b*) to an organisation appearing to the Board of Trade to have for its sole or principal object, or among its principal objects, the promotion of the welfare of the blind,

payment shall not be required of any import duty chargeable in respect of the goods.

(2) The enactments above referred to are section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948(**d**), section 3 of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1958(**e**), section 14 of the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**f**) and any enactment of the Parliament of Northern Ireland amending the said section 14 or replacing it in whole or in part.

(3) Where import duty is paid on the importation of any goods consigned as mentioned in paragraph (1) above and the Board of Trade subsequently give a certificate under that paragraph with respect to the goods, the duty shall be repaid.

J. McCann,
Walter Harrison,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

19th September 1969.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes the provisions under which relief from protective duty in respect of goods specially designed for the educational, scientific or cultural advancement of the blind consigned to certain organisations or authorities is given by direction of the Treasury, and substitutes provisions under which such relief will be accorded under a certificate by the Board of Trade.

(**d**) 1948 c. 29. (**e**) 1958 c. 33. (**f**) 1949 c. 1(N.I.).