1957 No. 1180

The Safeguarding of Industries (Reduction of Rates) Order, 1957

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Whereas, having regard to the terms for the time being in force of the Agreement on Tariffs and Trade concluded at Geneva in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven (as varied by subsequent agreements and in particular by an agreement entered into between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the governments of certain other countries, and dated the twenty-third day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, at Geneva), it appears to the Treasury, on the recommendation of the Board of Trade, to be expedient to make this Order:

Now, therefore, the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section eight of the Finance Act, 1948(**a**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

1.—(1) Any duty chargeable under section one of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921(**b**), as amended by any subsequent enactment, on goods of a class or description specified in the Schedule to this Order shall be charged at the reduced rate of twenty-five per cent. of the value of the goods.

(2) In the Schedule to the Safeguarding of Industries (Reduction of Rates) Order, 1956(**c**), sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 6 and paragraph 7 are hereby revoked.

2.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Safeguarding of Industries (Reduction of Rates) Order, 1957.

(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.

(3) This Order shall come into operation on the fifth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Dated this fifth day of July, 1957.

Edward Wakefield,
Anthony Barber,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE

Goods Chargeable at Reduced Rate

Gauges and measuring instruments of precision of the types used in engineering machine shops and viewing rooms, whether for use in such shops or rooms or

(**a**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 49.
(**b**) 11 & 12 Geo. 5. c. 47.
(**c**) S.I 1956/1634 (1956 II, p. 2183).
(**d**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

not, (but not including goods chargeable with duty under section one of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921, as optical instruments), the following:—

(1) balancing machines;

(2) bevel protractors;

(3) block levels, precision;

(4) centre squares;

(5) comparators;

(6) dial gauges or dial indicators and accessories;

(7) fixed limit gauges, i.e. "Go" or "Not Go" (whether shop gauges or inspectors' gauges, and whether capable of being adjusted and locked or not):—

(*a*) external gauges of the following types, that is to say, caliper or snap gauges and plain or cylindrical, screw and taper ring gauges;

(*b*) internal gauges of the following types, that is to say, end point gauges, telescoping gauges and cylindrical, screw and taper plug gauges;

(8) measuring machines;

(9) micrometers;

(10) scales, graduated, precision (angular, circular or linear);

(11) scribing blocks of precision or surface gauges;

(12) special purpose gauges, the following—

(*a*) angle blocks;

(*b*) precision polygons;

(13) squares, precision;

(14) standard or reference gauges:—

(*a*) external gauges of the following types, that is to say, caliper or snap gauges and plain or cylindrical, screw and taper ring gauges;

(*b*) internal gauges of the following types, that is to say, cylindrical, screw and taper plug gauges and end point gauges;

(*c*) block gauges, cylindrical gauges, end measuring rods, reference discs and slip gauges;

(15) straight edges;

(16) surface plates;

(17) surface finish testing instruments, but not including instruments incorporating a bridge circuit;

(18) thickness gauges or feelers;

(19) vernier measuring tools.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order amplifies the list of gauges and measuring instruments of precision on which, in pursuance of the May, 1956, Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the rate of duty to be charged is to be 25 per cent. ad valorem. The added items (viz. certain balancing machines, block levels, scales and surface finish testing instruments) would, but for this Order, be liable to duty at the rate of 33⅓ per cent. ad valorem under the Key Industry Duty (List No. 6—Gauges and Measuring Instruments) Order, 1957 (S.I. 1957/1043).