## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes certain changes in the Customs duties chargeable under the Import Duties Act, 1932, in accordance with or consequential upon the undertakings given by the United Kingdom at Geneva in the May, 1956 Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The First Annex to the Order lists the goods which are to be exempted from duty.

The Second Annex sets out the goods on which the duty is to be reduced and the reduced rates of duty applicable thereto. It also includes certain iron and steel goods on which the duty is increased from 15 per cent. to 20 per cent. ad valorem (Item 10(*b*)), and certain handbags etc. made partly (but not mainly) from leather or material resembling leather, on which there may be an increase of duty in that the rate previously applicable of 1s. 6d. each or 17½ per cent. ad valorem, whichever is the greater, has been changed to 20 per cent. ad valorem (Item 42).

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# 1956 No. 59

# The Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1956

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| *Made* - - - - | *20th January*, 1956 |
| *Laid before the House of Commons* | *24th January*, 1956 |
| *Coming into Operation* | *28th January*, 1956 |

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section nine of the Finance Act, 1933(**a**), and section one of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939(**b**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

**1.** In paragraph (1) of Article 1 of the Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1953(**c**) (which exempts from all duties on silk and artificial silk certain engravings and etchings), for sub-paragraph (*c*) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—

"(*c*) prints and impressions of the following description, not being works of traditional or conventional craftsmanship—

engravings, etchings, lithographs, silk-screen prints and similar prints or impressions, framed or unframed, produced from blocks, plates, stencils or other materials which have been hand-worked or otherwise prepared by the artist;

(*d*) stencils and similar articles prepared by the artist for producing prints or impressions falling within the last foregoing sub-paragraph."

**2.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1956.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-eighth day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Dated this twentieth day of January, 1956.

*Gerald Wills,*
*Peter Legh,*
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

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(**a**) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 19. (**b**) 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 97. (**c**) S.I. 1953/1638 (1953 I, p. 510).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Certain works of art, namely engravings and etchings, are exempted from any charge of Customs duty in respect of any silk or artificial silk which they may contain. This Order extends the exemption from the silk and artificial silk duties to other works of art, namely lithographs and other prints and to the stencils, etc. from which they are produced.

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## 1956 No. 1633

## The Silk Duties (No. 2) Order, 1956

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| *Made* - - - - - - - | 19*th October*, 1956 |
| *Laid before the House of Commons* | 23*rd October*, 1956 |
| *Coming into Operation* - - - | 12*th November*, 1956 |

Whereas the Board of Trade have recommended the making of this Order so far as it varies the rates of the new duties of customs chargeable on articles of apparel made wholly or partly of silk or artificial silk which are Empire products within the meaning of subsection (1) of section eight of the Finance Act, 1919(a), as amended by or under any subsequent enactment;

And 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 that recommendation, to be expedient for those rates to be so varied;

And whereas the Treasury have consulted with the Board of Trade:

Now, therefore, the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section nine of the Finance Act, 1933(b), section one of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939(c), subsection (5) of section five of the Finance Act, 1947 (d), and section nine of the Finance Act, 1948(e), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

*Alterations of duty*

**1.**—(1) The duties of customs chargeable under section four of the Finance Act, 1925(f), on silk and artificial silk shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) the duty chargeable on silk in the form of undischarged cocoons or waste of any kind, or of noils, shall cease to be chargeable; and

(*b*) the duties chargeable—

(i) on other silk cocoons and waste; and

(ii) on raw silk and on silk yarn; and

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(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 32. (b) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 19. (c) 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 97.
(d) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 35. (e) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 49. (f) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 36.