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House of Representatives,
29th October, 1929.

Hon. Mr. Taverner.

CUSTOMS AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Customs Act, 1913.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Customs Amendment Act, 1929, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Customs Act, 1913 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.

2. Section fifteen of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, relating to primage duty, is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one thereof the words "one per centum," and substituting the words "two per centum." Increasing the rate of primage duty.

3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section fifteen of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, as amended by the last preceding section, the increased rate of primage duty thereby prescribed shall not apply with respect to the goods enumerated in the Schedule hereto, at any time after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty, and such goods shall as from that date be subject to primage duty as if this Act had not been passed. Concession with respect to foodstuffs, groceries, and fertilizers.

4. Nothing in this Act shall be so construed or shall so operate as to conflict with the Schedule of Customs duties and exemptions contained in an Order in Council made under the authority of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, on the seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and published in the *Gazette* on the tenth day of the same month (fixing rates of duty and exemptions from duty in respect of certain goods being the produce or manufacture of the Union of South Africa). Saving of treaty with South Africa.

5. Primage duty at the rate provided for in this Act shall be in force in the Cook Islands on and from a day to be determined by the Governor-General by Order in Council, and until an Order in Council under this Special provisions as to Cook Islands.

section comes into force, primage duty at the rate in force in those Islands on the commencement of this Act shall continue to be in force :

Provided that nothing herein shall affect the provisions of Part XXI of the principal Act.

Ratification of resolution increasing rate of primage duty.

6. (1) The resolution of the House of Representatives passed on the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, purporting to alter the rate of primage duty, shall be deemed to have taken effect and to have had the force of law according to the tenor of such resolution, and to have so continued until the passing of this Act. 5

(2) The resolution mentioned in the *last preceding* subsection shall be deemed to be revoked on the passing of this Act : 10

Provided that any duty which by virtue of the said resolution has become due and payable since the passing thereof and before the passing of this Act, and all penalties and forfeitures which have been incurred, shall be recovered and enforced notwithstanding the revocation of the said resolution by this section. 15

Duration of Act.

7. The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, prescribe with respect to goods imported into New Zealand after a date to be specified in such Order in Council in that behalf (being not earlier than the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty) that primage duty shall be payable as if this Act had not been passed, and such Order in Council shall have effect according to its tenor. 20

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

(NOTE.—The terms used in this Schedule shall have the same meaning as when used in the Customs Amendment Act, 1927.)

Grain and pulse, unground and unmanufactured, viz. :—

Wheat.

N.e.i.

Grain and pulse, ground or *manufactured*, viz. :—

Barley flour, prepared.

Maize, flaked.

Maize, ground or crushed but not otherwise manufactured, n.e.i.

Malt, whole or ground ; rice malt.

Oats, or oats in admixture with other grain.

Pearl barley.

Peas, split.

Wheat-flour, including wheat-meal and similar preparations of wheat.

N.e.i.

Onions.

Potatoes.

Vegetables, viz. :—

Preserved peas in tins or *similar* containers including the weight of any liquid.

Fresh, dried, or preserved, n.e.i.

Aerated waters, and *beverages*, n.e.i.

Mineral waters, being beverages, aerated or otherwise.

Chicory.

Cocoa-beans, raw.

Cocoa and chocolate, viz. :—

Cocoa ; also cocoa-beans roasted or crushed.

Chocolate ; also cocoa or chocolate mixed with milk or with any other food substance.

Coffee, raw.

Coffee, roasted.

Coffee, essence of, and essence of coffee mixed with milk or with any food substance whatsoever.

Fruit-juices unsweetened, in containers having a capacity of 1 gallon or over.

Fruit-juices unsweetened, in containers having a capacity of less than 1 gallon ; fruit-juices sweetened ; syrups n.e.i. ; raspberry-vinegar, sweetened.

Citrus-fruit pulps (including fruit-juices containing such percentage of citrus-fruit pulp as may be determined by the Minister) sweetened or unsweetened, in bulk or otherwise.

Tea, in bulk—viz., in packages of 5 lb. or over net weight of tea.

Tea n.e.i.

Bacon and hams.

Biscuits, ships', plain and unsweetened ; also dog-biscuits.

Biscuits, other kinds.

Blue.

Candles, being *night-lights*, or *tapers*.

Candles n.e.i.

Cocoa or cacao butter, coconut butter, and other vegetable butters or fats.

Confectionery including medicated confectionery, liquorice n.e.i., and sugared or crystallized fruits.

Lard, stearine, and *refined* animal fats, n.e.i.

Stearine, on declaration that it will be used only in the manufacture of candles, matches, soaps, leather, or other articles approved by the Minister.

Fish, viz. :—

Anchovies, salted, in casks or other containers capable of holding 28 lb. net or over.

Fish, fresh, smoked, dried, pickled, salted, preserved by cold process, or preserved by sulphurous acid, n.e.i.

Fish, potted, and preserved—viz., *salmon*, including any liquor, oil, or sauce.

Fish, potted, and preserved, n.e.i., including any liquor, oil, or sauce.

Fruits, dried—viz. :—

Currants, dates, figs, prunes, raisins.

N.e.i.

Fruits, fresh—viz. :—

Apples and pears.

Apricots, cherries, grapes, medlars, nectarines, passion-fruit, peaches, plums, quinces, tomatoes.

Lemons.

Blackberries, currants, gooseberries, raspberries, and strawberries.

Bananas, grape-fruit, mandarins, and oranges.

N.e.i.

Fruit-pulp, partially preserved fruit, fruit preserved by sulphurous acid, crushed fruit, minced fruit, fruit-pastes, unsweetened and n.e.i.

Fruits preserved in juice or syrup.

Glucose, grape sugar, and caramel.

Honey.

Infants' and invalids' foods, as may be approved by the Minister.

Gluten flour.

Jams, jellies, marmalade, and preserves.

Jellies, *concentrated*.

Macaroni, vermicelli, spaghetti, egg-noodles, and similar alimentary pastes.

Malt-extract, malt-extract with cod-liver oil, and similar preparations containing malt-extract.

Meats, potted or preserved.

Milk or cream, preserved, evaporated, or dried, and including any of the foregoing in combination with casein, sugar of milk, or other milk product.

Mustard.

- Nuts, and preparations thereof, viz. :—
 Almonds and nuts, all kinds, shelled or unshelled, n.e.i.
 Almond-, or nut-, pastes, meals, and similar preparations, n.e.i., not being animal foods.
 Desiccated coconut, sweetened or unsweetened.
 Walnuts, shelled or unshelled.
- Capers, caraway-seeds, caviare, cayenne pepper, curry-powder, curry-paste, fish-paste, olives, ground turmeric.
- Candied peel, and drained peel.
- Matches and vestas, viz. :—
 Wax, in boxes containing not more than 60 matches or vestas.
 Wax, in boxes containing more than 60 matches or vestas, but not more than 100.
 Wax, in boxes containing over 100 matches or vestas.
 Wooden, in boxes containing not more than 60 matches or vestas.
 Wooden, in boxes containing over 60 matches or vestas.
 Matches, or vestas, of any material other than wood or wax, in boxes.
 Matches, or vestas, n.e.i.
- Pickles.
- Sauces; chutney; soy, and catsup, in vessels of 10 gallons capacity and under.
 Soy, and catsup, in vessels exceeding 10 gallons capacity.
- Egg pulp and white or yolk of eggs, whether desiccated, liquid, frozen, or other, also any similar preparation of egg.
- Provisions n.e.i.
- Rice, dressed or undressed; rice-meal refuse and rice-meal.
- Soap, all kinds; soap-powder, extract of soap, dry soap, soft-soap, liquid soap, soap solutions; washing or cleansing powders, crystals, pastes or liquids, n.e.i.
- Salt.
- Spices, unground—including chillies, pepper, and pimento, unground.
- Spices, ground, n.e.i., including pepper, pimento, and olive-stones, ground.
- Confectioners' moulding-starch; potato flour; rice flour; arrowroot; sago; tapioca maizena; cornflour :—
 In packages containing less than 5 lb. net weight.
 N.e.i.
- Starch n.e.i.
- Sugar, of Number 22 colour, or *over* (Dutch Standard); invert sugar and invert syrup.
- Sugar n.e.i. : treacle, molasses, golden syrup, maple-sugar, and maple syrup.
- Sugar of milk n.e.i.
- Sugar of milk in containers capable of holding not less than 56 lb. net weight, on declaration by a manufacturer of infants' foods that it will be used only by him in the manufacture of such foods.
- Vinegar, containing not more than 6.5 per cent. of acidity, calculated as acetic acid.
- Baking-powder; yeast, and similar preparations; yeast foods.
- Cream of tartar; cream-of-tartar substitutes—viz., acid calcium phosphate, acid phosphate of soda, pyro-phosphate of soda, mixtures of the foregoing with one another or with any other substance, and similar cream-of-tartar substitutes.
- Essences, culinary or flavouring, containing more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit.
- Essences, culinary or flavouring, n.e.i.
- Rennet, in tablet form, or in liquid form in containers having a capacity of 1 pint or under: rennet in powder, *in small packages* suitable for retail sale.
- Blacklead, grate- and stove-polishes, -pastes, and -liquids.
- Gelatine, and isinglass.
- Agar agar.
- Manures.