

Serial Number **1954/19****THE CUSTOMS DUTIES SUSPENSION ORDER 1954**

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 26th day of
January 1954

Present:

THE HON. W. SULLIVAN PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 12 of the Customs Amendment Act 1921, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and being satisfied that the existing duties are likely to operate in an injurious manner generally to the public interest, hereby makes the following order.

ORDER

1. (1) This order may be cited as the Customs Duties Suspension Order 1954.

(2) This order shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of January 1954.

2. This order applies to all duties of Customs, including surtax and primage duty, and whether imposed by—

- (a) The existing Tariff (being the First Schedule to the Customs Acts Amendment Act 1934, as amended by the Customs Tariff Amendment Order 1938, No. 2*); or
- (b) Part I of Schedule XIII to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, as set out in the First Schedule to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Act 1948; or
- (c) Schedule B to the Trade Agreement between Australia and New Zealand, as set out in the Appendix to the Trade Agreement (New Zealand and Australia) Ratification Act 1933, as amended by the Trade Agreement (Australia) Order 1938†; or

* Statutory Regulations 1938, Serial number 1938/28, page 160.

† Statutory Regulations 1938, Serial number 1938/29, page 170.

(d) Schedule B to the Trade Agreement between Canada and New Zealand, as set out in the Appendix to the Trade Agreement (New Zealand and Canada) Ratification Act 1932, as amended by the Trade Agreement (Canada) Order 1938*; or

(e) Any other enactment.

3. All duties relating to the goods set out in the Schedule hereto are hereby suspended until the end of June 1954.

4. Duty at the rate of 20 per cent *ad valorem* is hereby imposed on the goods set out in the Schedule hereto until the end of June 1954 instead of that imposed under the General Tariff or by Part I of Schedule XIII to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, as set out in the First Schedule to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Act 1948.

5. Every suspension of duty or application of duty hereby effected shall be subject to the provisions of section 143 of the Customs Act 1913.

6. All duties of Customs that have become due and payable and all penalties and forfeitures that have been incurred before the commencement of this order shall be recovered and enforced as if this order had not been made.

7. The Customs Duties Suspension Order (No. 6) 1952† is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

Goods on Which Certain Duties Suspended and on Which Duty of 20 Per Cent *ad valorem* is Imposed if the Produce or Manufacture of Countries Not Forming Part of the British Dominions, from the Beginning of January 1954 Until the End of June 1954

Tariff Item No.	Goods
356	Ex(1)(b) Prefabricated metal bridges and prefabricated metal-work peculiar to use in bridge construction.

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

* Statutory Regulations 1938, Serial number 1938/30, page 181.

† Statutory Regulations 1952, Serial number 1952/152, page 719.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

[This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.]

All Customs duties (including surtax and primage duty) on prefabricated metal bridges and prefabricated metal work for use in bridge construction were suspended until 31 December 1953. This order extends until 30 June 1954 the period during which duties are suspended under the British Preferential Tariff and the Trade Agreements with Australia and Canada and for the same period imposes a duty of 20 per cent *ad valorem* under the Most Favoured Nation Tariff and the General Tariff.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 28 January 1954.

These regulations are administered in the Customs Department.