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**THE CUSTOMS TARIFF (LEATHER AND LEATHERGOODS)
ORDER 1957**

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 6th day
of February 1957

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. S. G. HOLLAND 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 Tariff (Leather and Leathergoods) Order 1957.

(2) This order shall come into force on the 8th day of February 1957.

2. The existing Tariff (being the First Schedule to the Customs Acts Amendment Act 1934 as modified by the Customs Tariff Amendment Order 1938 No. 2* and the Customs Tariff Amendment Order (No. 4) 1955†) is hereby suspended in so far as it relates to the goods set out in the First Schedule hereto.

3. The exemptions from duty set out in the Second Schedule hereto are hereby created, and the duties set out therein are hereby imposed.

4. 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 and modified by the Customs Tariff Amendment Order (No. 4) 1955†) is hereby further modified by the deletion therefrom of the duties set out in the Third Schedule hereto and by the substitution therefor of the duties set out in the Fourth Schedule hereto.

*S.R. 1938/28

†S.R. 1955/150

5. The Second Schedule to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Act 1948 is hereby modified by the addition thereto of the duties set out in the Fifth Schedule hereto.

6. Every exemption from duty or application of duty hereby effected shall be subject to the provisions of section 143 of the Customs Act 1913.

7. 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.

8. Nothing in this order shall be deemed to affect the provisions of section 5 of the Customs Acts Amendment Act 1930 in respect of the imposition on any goods affected by this order of surtax upon the duties hereby imposed.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

PORTION OF TARIFF SUSPENDED

Item No.	Tariff Item	British Preferential Tariff Column No. 1	General Tariff Column No. 2
200	Leather, viz.:		
	(1) Bookbinders' leather of qualities approved by the Minister and under conditions prescribed by him	Free ..	10 per cent ad valorem.
	(2) Chamois leather	20 per cent ad valorem	40 per cent ad valorem.
	(3) Goat skins, and kid-skins, however dressed; <i>persians</i> ; <i>reptile</i> skins, dressed or undressed	Free ..	Free.
	(4) (a) <i>Hide leathers, crust or rough tanned, but undressed</i>	5 per cent ad valorem	30 per cent ad valorem, or 5d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
	(b) Kangaroo-skins and wallaby-skins, <i>crust or rough tanned, but undressed</i>	5 per cent ad valorem	10 per cent ad valorem.
	(5) Hog-skins	Free ..	10 per cent ad valorem.
	(6) (a) Leather, japanned, or enamelled, other than <i>patent leathers</i> ; also such other leather specially suited for furniture and upholstery work, as may be approved by the Minister, and under conditions prescribed by him	Free ..	30 per cent ad valorem.
	(b) <i>Patent leathers</i>	Free ..	Free.
	(7) Sole leather, being bends each weighing 14 lb. net or over	3d. per lb. ..	5d. per lb.
	(8) Leather n.e.i.; belts (not being apparel), and belting, wholly or partly composed of leather	15 per cent ad valorem, or 3d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty	30 per cent ad valorem, or 5d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
	(9) Parchment or vellum made from skins	Free ..	20 per cent ad valorem.
201	Leather board, or compo, composed of skivings, split leathers, leather scraps, or the same mixed with other material, cemented and pressed together, cut into shapes or otherwise	1s. per lb. ..	1s. per lb.
202	Leather laces; vamps, and uppers; leather cut into shapes; clog and patten soles; leather leggings	20 per cent ad valorem	50 per cent ad valorem.
203	Leather manufactures n.e.i.	20 per cent ad valorem	50 per cent ad valorem.
204	Portmanteaux; trunks; bags of leather or of leather cloth; attaché cases, suit cases, and similar receptacles (not including basketware, wickerware, or receptacles made of similar materials)	20 per cent ad valorem	50 per cent ad valorem.
261	(2) Tobacco pouches and cases; cigar and cigarette cases	20 per cent ad valorem	60 per cent ad valorem.
262	Toilet preparations, and perfumery, n.e.i., including perfumed oil	25 per cent ad valorem	55 per cent ad valorem.

SECOND SCHEDULE

EXEMPTIONS CREATED AND RATES OF DUTY IMPOSED

Item No.	Tariff Item	British Preferential Tariff Column No. 1	General Tariff Column No. 2
200	Leather, viz.: (1) <i>Crust or rough tanned</i> leather (2) Dressed leather, viz.: (a) Chamois-dressed leather (b) Parchment-dressed leather, including vellum (c) <i>Patent leather</i> (d) N.e.i., viz.: (i) Bovine cattle leather (ii) Goat and kid skin leather declared by a manufacturer for use in the manufacture of such goods as may be approved by the Minister and under such conditions as the Minister may prescribe (iii) Goat and kid skin leather, other (iv) <i>Persians</i> (v) Sheep and lamb skin leather (other than <i>persians</i>) (vi) Other kinds	Free .. 20 per cent ad valorem Free .. Free .. 17½ per cent ad valorem Free .. 15 per cent ad valorem 15 per cent ad valorem 15 per cent ad valorem Free ..	Free. 40 per cent ad valorem. 20 per cent ad valorem. Free. 37½ per cent ad valorem. Free. 15 per cent ad valorem. 15 per cent ad valorem. 30 per cent ad valorem. Free.
201	Leather board, or compo, composed of skivings, split leathers, leather scraps, or the same mixed with other material, cemented and pressed together, cut into shapes or otherwise	15 per cent ad valorem, or 6d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty	15 per cent ad valorem, or 6d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty.
202	Leather laces; <i>vamps</i> , and <i>uppers</i> ; leather cut into shapes; clog and patten soles; leather leggings	20 per cent ad valorem	50 per cent ad valorem.
203	(1) Belts (not being apparel), and belting, wholly or partly composed of leather (2) Manufactured articles of leather or of <i>plastic sheeting</i> , n.e.i.	15 per cent ad valorem, or 3d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty 25 per cent ad valorem	30 per cent ad valorem, or 5d. per lb., whichever rate returns the higher duty. 50 per cent ad valorem.
204	Handbags, purses, shopping bags, schoolbags, rucksacks, sponge bags, portmanteaux, trunks, suit cases, hat boxes, document or folio cases, attaché cases, and <i>similar receptacles</i> (not including basketware, wickerware, or receptacles made of similar materials)	25 per cent ad valorem	50 per cent ad valorem.
261	(2) Pouches and cases for tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes	20 per cent ad valorem	60 per cent ad valorem.
262	(1) Toilet preparations, and perfumery, n.e.i., including perfumed oil (2) <i>Toilet sets</i> , including containers therefor, whether or not the containers are suitable for permanent use	25 per cent ad valorem 25 per cent ad valorem	55 per cent ad valorem. 50 per cent ad valorem.

THIRD SCHEDULE

DELETIONS FROM SCHEDULE XIII TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

New Zealand Tariff Item No.	Description of Products	Rate o Duty
	PART I—MOST FAVOURED NATION TARIFF	
200	Leather, viz.:	
	(1) Bookbinders' leather of qualities approved by the Minister and under conditions prescribed by him	Free.
	(2) Chamois leather	30%
	(3) Goat-skins, and kid-skins, however dressed; <i>persians</i> ; <i>reptile</i> skins, dressed or undressed	Free.
	(6) (b) <i>Patent leathers</i>	Free.
	(9) Parchment or vellum made from skins	10%
203	Leather manufactures n.e.i.	40%
261	(2) Tobacco pouches and cases; cigar and cigarette cases ..	35%
262	Toilet preparations, and perfumery, n.e.i., including perfumed oil	50%

FOURTH SCHEDULE

ADDITIONS TO SCHEDULE XIII TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS
AND TRADE

New Zealand Tariff Item No.	Description of Products	Rate of Duty
	PART I—MOST FAVOURED NATION TARIFF	
200	Leather, viz.:	
	(1) <i>Crust or rough tanned leather</i>	Free.
	(2) Dressed leather, viz.:	
	(a) Chamois-dressed leather	30%
	(b) Parchment-dressed leather, including vellum	10%
	(c) <i>Patent leather</i>	Free.
	(d) N.e.i., viz.:	
	(ii) Goat and kid skin leather declared by a manufacturer for use in the manufacture of such goods as may be approved by the Minister and under such conditions as the Minister may prescribe	Free.
	(vi) Other kinds	Free.
261	(2) Pouches and cases for tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes ..	35%
262	(1) Toilet preparations, and perfumery, n.e.i., including perfumed oil	50%

FIFTH SCHEDULE

ADDITIONS TO SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE ACT 1948

New Zealand Tariff Item No.	Description of Products	Rate of Duty
200	Leather, viz.: (2) Dressed leather, viz.: (d) N.e.i., viz.: (iii) Goat and kid skin leather, other (iv) <i>Persians</i>	15% 15%
203 Ex 448	(2) Manufactured articles of leather or of <i>plastic sheeting</i> , n.e.i. Articles and materials, specified by the Minister, and on such conditions as he may prescribe, suited for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication or repair of goods within New Zealand, viz.: Bookbinders' leather of qualities approved by the Minister and under conditions prescribed by him	45% Freec.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This order provides for Customs Tariff changes in respect of leather and leathergoods on the recommendation of the Board of Trade following public Tariff inquiries and most of the items concerned have been rearranged. Some rates of duty have been increased on dressed bovine cattle leather, persians, certain goat and kid skins, manufactured articles of leather or of plastic sheeting, and on handbags, purses, shopping bags, portmanteaux, and certain other receptacles (not including basketware, wickerware, and receptacles of similar materials). Rates of duty have been reduced on crust or rough tanned leather, and on certain dressed leathers.

New sub-items of Tariff items 203 and 262 have been created to provide for belts (other than apparel) and belting, wholly or partly composed of leather, and toilet sets respectively.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Customs Department.