Minister's Decisions under Customs Duties Act.

Department of Trade and Customs, Wellington, 9th April, 1918.

It is hereby notified for public information that the Hon. the Minister of Customs has decided to interpret the Customs Duties Act in relation to the undermentioned articles as follows:—

Note.—"Not otherwise enumerated" appears as n.o.e.; "other kinds" as o.k.; "articles and materials suited only for and to be used solely in, the fabrication of goods in the Dominion" as a. & m.s. Articles marked thus † are revised decisions.

Record.	Goods.	Classification under Tariff, and Item No.	Rate of Duty.	
			General Tariff.	Preferential Surtax on Foreign Goods
18/302	Agricultural implements, viz.:— Wire-netting fastener, Elder's patent	As agricultural implements n.o.e. (357)	Free.	,
18/566	A. & m.s., viz.:— Cord, paper, for piping cushions for rail- way carriages	As a. & m.s. (482)	Free.	
13/237 $13/287$	Blades, knife and razor, unfinished Bonnet-boxes of imitation leather, similar to trupks	As hardware n.o.e. (178)	20 per cent. 25 per cent.	10 per cent. 12½ per cent.
13/406 13/515	Brass tubing, in the rough, in short lengths Castings, malleable, for the manufacture of gate hinges and fastenings	As brass tubing in the rough (367) As manufactured articles of metal n.o.e. (183)	Free. 20 per cent.	10 per cent.
†1 2/2 288	Covers, hemp, for oxygen-cylinders:— It imported separately If imported on the cylinders		20 per cent.	10 per cent.
†13/568	Educational apparatus, viz.:— Colour-saucers, for use in mixing colours, on declaration that they have been specially imported and will be used solely for educational purposes in a school, college, or university, and that they will not be removed therefrom without payment of the duty	As educational apparatus (441)	Free.	
12/1436	Hat dyes, viz.:— "Chic")		
12/1534 $13/572$	"Hatdi"	As lacquers (207)	2s. the gal.	$4\frac{4}{6}$ d. the gal.
†13/527 13/528	Indian ink, liquid Ink, "Troy indelible," used with machine for marking linen		2s. the gal. Free	1s. the gal. 10 per cent.
13/446	Iron split clips, cast, with planed faces, for repairing iron pipes	As fittings for cast-iron pipes, according to size (179) or (389).		
13/481	Machine, printing, viz.:— Combined numbering and dating machine (hand)	As printing-machine (166)	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
18/865	Machinery, n.o.e., viz.:— Grain-lifter and hand truck-combined Machines, miscellaneous, viz.:—	As machinery n.o.e. (182)	20 per cent.	10 per cent.
12/2288	Machinery and appliances (claimed as re- frigerating machinery), viz.,— "CO ₂ frame," a valve and gauge rack, for controlling flow of gas to and from compressor	As manufactured articles of metal n.o.e. (183)	20 per cent.	10 per cent.
13/420	Scientific apparatus, viz.:— Water - finder, automatic, Mansfield's	As scientific apparatus (280)	Free.	
13/537 13/567	patent "Shoulder-cords," for uniforms, made up. Stanchion posts, brass or galvanized iron, suitable for holding counter footrails, staircase handrails, &c. (claimed as ship	As haberdashery n.o.e. (81) As hardware n.o.e. (178)	20 per cent. 20 per cent.	10 per cent.
13/549	chandlery n.o.e.) Vibrator, the "Veedee"	As druggists' sundries n.o.e. (74)	20 per cent.	10 per cent.

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