

Minister's Decisions under Customs Duties Act.

Customs Department, Wellington, 2nd August, 1916.

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.
3/309	A. & m.s., viz. :— Steel sheets, nickelled and polished on one or both sides	As a. & m.s. (482)	Free.	
11/48	Bicycles, fittings for, viz. :— Clutch nuts	As finished parts of bicycles n.o.e. (170)	10 per cent.	10 per cent.
11/48	Spindles	As axles (360)	Free.	
9/19/5	Bootmakers' inks and stains (Tariff item 310) to include— Lynn burnishing ink, Stoddart and James burnishing ink and similar inks, upper-edge dyes, heel dyes, edge dyes, and leather dyes, ink for marking boot-linings, Oakalines, Russets, and natural stains, also New Method inks similar to Boston Blacking Company's Expedite leather dye, N.M. ink, New Method blacking, and Ferd. Thompson's Nubrite edge ink, these being inks and stains which dry with a dull surface, and which are specially suitable for use in polishing by machine brushes or heated irons. NOTE.—Inks and stains will not include dressings—e.g., preparations containing oil, Boston Blacking Company's, Gimson's, Pierce's, Thompson's, Russell's, and other dressings for glace, calf kip, split, and other leathers, Velrona, Egg Finish, Lustoria, Clincher, Krownall, Crown, No. 13, B.W.B., H.B., Reindeer, Ajax, Calf Finish, Carriers' Finish, X.C.L., all of which give a bright surface without friction when dry.			
1/1011	“Egg Noodles”	As macaroni or vermicelli (250) ..	Free.	
11/32/4	Motor vehicles, accessories for, viz. :— Tool-bags or tool boxes or kits and tool-rolls specially suited for motor vehicles, including oil-can and brushes contained therein, whether imported with such vehicles or separately NOTE.—Free tools may be separately classified.	As parts of motor vehicles n.o.e. (194A)	10 per cent.	10 per cent.

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Comptroller of Customs.

Minister's Order D. 21.]

Notice to Mariners No. 60 of 1916.

Marine Department,
Wellington N.Z., 31st July, 1916.

THE following Notice to Mariners, received from the Hydrographic Office, Washington; the Marine Department, Brisbane; the Governor, Balboa Heights, C.Z.; and the Department of Ports and Harbours, Melbourne, are published for general information.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

PANAMA CANAL.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.—CHANGING GAS-BUOY CHARACTERISTICS.

1. THE characteristics of the following gas-buoys have been changed from flashing to fixed:—

- Atlantic Entrance: Buoys Nos. 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8.
- Gatun Lake: Buoys Nos. 6, 10, 21, 25, 26, 43, 44, 54, 55, 64, 67, 74, 76, 77, 82, 86, 87, and 91.
- Pacific Entrance: Buoys Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, and 14.

2. The channels and approaches are now marked by buoys with fixed lights on straight reaches, and buoys with occulting lights marking the turns.

BRAZIL.

EAST COAST.—ILHA GRANDE.—HOMEN ROCKS LIGHT.—
CHARACTERISTIC CHANGED.

The light on Homen Rocks has been changed from flashing white to flashing red every 12 seconds—thus, flash 5 seconds, eclipsed 7 seconds, without further change.

Approx. position: Lat. 23° 2' 6" S., long. 44° 18' 5" W.
H.O. Charts Nos. 1131, 1132, and 1402.
H.O. Light List, Vol. I, 1916, No. 1509.
H.O. Pub. No. 88, 1904, page 461.
H.O. Pub. No. 172, 1916, page 434.

QUEENSLAND.

CLEVELAND BAY.—TIDE-SIGNALS FROM BAY ROCK.

On the 1st August, 1916, the tidal signals which are exhibited from Bay Rock at the request of approaching vessels will be altered, and will thereafter indicate the tidal rise above low-water datum only. The tidal rise signalled should be added to the depth of the channel at low water to give the available depth at the time. The amended code will be as follows:—

Flag.	Rise of Tide. Datum or less.	Flag.	Rise of Tide.
H ..	.. 1 ft.	N ..	.. 6 ft.
I ..	.. 2 ft.	O ..	.. 7 ft.
J ..	.. 3 ft.	P ..	.. 8 ft.
K ..	.. 4 ft.	Q ..	.. 9 ft.
L ..	.. 5 ft.	R ..	.. 10 ft.
M ..	.. 6 ft.		