

Minister's Decisions under Customs Duties Act.

Customs Department, Wellington, 7th August, 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.
13/65	A. & m.s., viz. :— Dolls, materials for making—viz., celluloid faces declared for the manufacture of dolls in New Zealand	As a. & m.s. (482)	Free.	
†9/5/11	Oils, sulphonated (including “Avirol” and “Tetrapole”), suited only for tanners' or dyers' use			
6/109	Tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, materials for the packing of—viz., herringbone-paper, tissue-paper, and albumenoid paste, of qualities approved by the Minister, when declared for use in packing tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes in a bonded tobacco-factory	As fancy goods (127)	20 per cent.	10 per cent.
13/63	Bags, leather, or imitation leather, suited for carrying in the pocket, and containing a small quantity of face-powder (known as “Vanity Bags”)			
20/105	Blue—viz., soluble prussian blue for use in the manufacture of starch	As blue (222)	1d. per lb. ..	‡d. per lb.
5/96	Cotton tubular-woven cloths which have been used as meat-wraps and recleaned for use as engineers' hand-cloths	As n.o.e. (483)	Free.	
3/378	Ear-piercers, steel, for jewellers' use ..	As artificers' tools n.o.e. (359) ..	Free.	
14/14/2	Glass—viz., “thread-glass,” being sheets composed of two transverse layers of thin glass tubes or rods, with or without colouring between the layers, and having paper-bound edges	As glass, other kinds n.o.e. (322) ..	Free.	
3/119/2	Lamp reflectors (being convex mirrors of silvered glass) for motor-car lamps	As lamps (parts of) (122)	20 per cent.	10 per cent.
9/38	Leather—viz., clutch leathers (whether joined or in lengths) for motor-cars, imported separately	As leather belting (97)	4d. per lb.	
3/375	Mats, wire, being door-mats or for motor-cars	As mats (109)	20 per cent.	
20/107	Mica in sheets (including sheets cut to shape for heating-lamps)	As electrical insulating material (375) or as n.o.e. (483)	Free.	
13/40	Pitch-pipes (Eardley's Patent Chromatic) used in tuning organs	As n.o.e. (483)	Free.	

Minister's Order D. 34.]

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Immigration and Emigration Returns.

RETURN of IMMIGRATION to and EMIGRATION from the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the MONTH of JULY, 1918, showing the Places from which Persons arrived and to which they departed, and the Ports of Arrival and Departure.

ARRIVALS FROM AND DEPARTURES TO DIFFERENT PLACES.

Countries.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
United Kingdom	4	68	7	3	82	..	..	..	..	..
Australian Commonwealth	333	228	26	27	614	361	296	49	41	747
Fiji	30	14	1	2	47	16	7	..	1	24
Cook Islands	2	..	..	..	2	7	3	..	..	10
Canada	17	10	1	2	30	..	..	..	..	..
United States	4	7	2	..	13	24	7	1	..	32
Hawaii	2	2	1	2	7	..	..	..	..	..
Samoa	7	5	2	..	14	6	8	..	..	14
Foreign Pacific Islands (undefined)	91	9	..	..	100	19	8	..	..	27
Totals, July, 1918	490	343	40	36	909	433	329	50	42	854
Totals, July, 1917	755	365	51	52	1,223	461	413	41	39	954

The excess of the arrivals in New Zealand over the departures therefrom during the month of July, 1918, was therefore 55 persons, as against 269 in the corresponding month of 1917.