

Minister's Decisions under Customs Duties Act.

Customs Department, Wellington, 7th October, 1919.

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.
†6/11/3	A. and m.s., viz.:— Chromos, prints, and photo-lithographs, when declared solely for use in fancy-box making or in making writing tablets, postcard-albums, or similar books	As a. and m.s. (482) .. ..	Free.	
3/4/12	Kettles, wooden knobs for .. ..	As manufactured stationery (153), or printed advertising matter n.o.e. (142), whichever rate yields the higher duty. (See section 134 of the Customs Act, 1913)	Free.	
4/187	Tri-sodium phosphate .. ..			
6/1/233	Advertising matter, viz.:— Advertising book-markers, of celluloid..			
3/240/3	Agricultural implements, viz.:— “Pull-U-Outs,” being appliances suitable for extracting stumps, extricating motor-cars from holes, &c.	As agricultural implements n.o.e. (357)	Free.	
6/1/134	Books, printed, viz.:— Paton’s “Knitting and Crocheting Book” and “Universal Knitting Book”	As printed books n.o.e. (355) ..	Free.	
3/30/2	Chains, viz.:— Saddlers’ back-chains, breeching-chains, and tug-chains; also hobble-chains	As saddlers’ ironmongery (315) ..	Free.	
11/32/30	Motor-vehicles, accessories for, viz.:— “Auto curtain lights,” of metal and glass, for hoods of motor-vehicles	As manufactured articles of metal n.o.e. (183)	20 per cent.	10 per cent.
6/116	Paper, stencil, attached to a printed backing sheet, for use with duplicating-machine	As manufactured stationery (153) ..	25 per cent.	12½ per cent.
†20/3/3	“Steko,” a powder for making paste, whether in bulk or otherwise	As n.o.e. (483) .. ..	Free.	

NOTE.—The following decision is cancelled: Backbands—as saddlers’ ironmongery (see page 63, 1914 edition).

Minister’s Order D. 44.]

W. B. MONTGOMERY, Comptroller of Customs.

Exports.—Weekly.

RETURN of PRINCIPAL EXPORTS of NEW ZEALAND PRODUCE from the Dominion during the Week ended Tuesday, 7th October, 1919.

NOTE.—These figures are subject to alteration. They represent the entries from the ports received at Head Office, Wellington, up to 5 p.m. on Tuesday. \* Goods exported are credited as far as possible to each district of production (as per list appended to return for week ended 31st August, 1915, *New Zealand Gazette* No. 103, page 3117), whether exported through the port for such district or not.

Districts.*	Butter.	Cheese.	Frozen Meats.			Gold.
			Lamb.	Mutton.	Other.	
Auckland .. ..	£ 462	£ ..	£ ..	£ ..	£ ..	£ 33,967
Kaipara .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tauranga .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gisborne .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Plymouth ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waitara .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Patea .. ..	..	4,080	..	3,127	4,523	..
Wanganui .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington .. ..	1	..	22,504	65,227	90	..
Napier .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wairau (including Picton) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westport .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greymouth .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hokitika .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lyttelton .. ..	..	..	58,211	10,887	11,455	..
Timaru .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oamaru .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunedin .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Invercargill .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. ..	463	4,080	80,715	79,241	16,068	33,967