

Minister's Decisions under Customs Duties Act.

Customs Department, Wellington, 5th August, 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, for fancy-box making, when declared solely for use in box-making	As a. and m.s. (482)	Free.	
11/55	Bicycles, fittings for, viz. :— Butted steering tubes, turned, screwed, and slotted	As [finished, or partly finished or machined parts of bicycles, n.o.e. (170)	10 per cent.	10 per cent.
20/114	Butterfly tablets, being butterflies chemically preserved and mounted on tablets of cardboard with glass covers	As n.o.e. (483)	Free.	
12/24/6	Dental appliances, viz. :— Sterilizers, electric, peculiarly suited for dental use	As dental appliances (279) ..	Free.	
17/3	Flooring and roofing of “Ruberoid” or similar material, viz. :— Flooring with imitation linoleum pattern Roofing, plain coloured, including the same material known as flooring	As floorecloth (109) As n.o.e. (483)	20 per cent. Free.	
10/99	Lentils, split	As grain and pulse n.o.e. (215) ..	9d. the 100 lb.	
11/32/28	Motor-cycles, accessories for, viz. :— Number-plates of japanned metal, for motor-cycles, when imported separately	As japanned metalware (186) ..	25 per cent.	12½ per cent.
3/63/3	Rollers for sliding doors, known as “Nox-all Friction Door Sheaves” (claimed as metal sheaves)	As manufactured articles of metal n.o.e. (183)	20 per cent.	10 per cent.
†16/2	Scientific instruments and apparatus, viz. :— “Leskole Distance Thermometers,” consisting of resistance thermometers, perforated steel protecting sheaths, and switchboard peculiar thereto, also teak oil-box when imported therewith	As scientific apparatus (280) ..	Free.	
2/107	Tractor known as the “Bates Steel Mule, Model D,” capable of being used on farms or roads	As traction engines (411) ..	Free ..	10 per cent.
3/225/2	Vulcanizer outfits, parts of, viz. :— Cardboard discs, impregnated, set in tin containers, with rubber patch attached	As n.o.e. (483)	Free.	

Minister's Order D. 42.]

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Number of Sheep in the Dominion on 30th April, 1919.—Notice No. 1972.

Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce, Wellington, 5th August, 1919.

THE following particulars are published for general information:—

NUMBER OF SHEEP IN THE DOMINION ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1919.

District.	Number of Sheep.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1918.	1919.		
Auckland	2,013,475	1,860,698	..	152,777
Napier-Gisborne	6,827,155	6,485,286	..	341,869
Wellington-West Coast	5,917,648	5,865,960	..	51,688
Marlborough-Nelson-Westland	1,373,834	1,385,870	12,036	..
Canterbury-Kaikoura	5,419,055	5,437,961	18,906	..
Otago	4,987,135	4,792,779	..	194,356
Totals	26,538,302	25,828,554	30,942	740,690
Decrease, North Island .. .. .	..	..	..	546,334
Decrease, South Island .. .. .	..	..	..	163,414
Net Decrease for Dominion .. .. .	..	..	..	709,748*

* The difference between these figures and those given in the interim return published in the *Gazette* of 26th June is accounted for by the fact that the number of sheep included in the returns outstanding at the date the interim return was published was greater than had been estimated for.

W. D. S. MACDONALD, Minister of Agriculture.