

German, Austrian, and Hungarian Goods.

Customs Department,
Wellington, 29th May, 1923.

WITH reference to the Order in Council gazetted on 29th March, 1923, removing as from the 1st September next the embargo on the importation of German, Austrian, and Hungarian goods, it is hereby notified, for public information, that the Minister of Customs has decided as under.

GOODS UNLIKELY TO PREJUDICIALLY OR INJURIOUSLY AFFECT INDUSTRIES ESTABLISHED IN NEW ZEALAND OR IN OTHER PARTS OF THE BRITISH DOMINIONS.

The following provisions shall apply to goods manufactured or produced in or exported from Germany, Austria, or Hungary, and imported directly or indirectly from those countries in such quantities or of such a value that they are unlikely to prejudicially or injuriously affect any industry established in New Zealand or in any other part of the British dominions:—

(1.) If the goods are imported directly from Germany, Austria, or Hungary, the current domestic value thereof shall, for the purpose of levying duty, and until further notice, be taken at the value at which such goods are, in the ordinary course of business, sold for cash for export f.o.b. or f.o.r. (as the case may be) in those countries at the date of export, including export tax (if any).

(2.) If the goods are imported directly from the United Kingdom, the United States of America, or Australia, the current domestic value thereof shall be assessed as under,—

(a.) If the goods are subject to depreciated currency duty, the current domestic value thereof shall be determined as if they had been directly imported from Germany, Austria, or Hungary; provided that in cases where the goods have been *bona fide* purchased by the importer from a supplier in the United Kingdom, the United States of America, or Australia, who is not the agent or representative of the manufacturer or exporter of such goods in Germany, Austria, or Hungary, and the Collector is satisfied that the export value in the country of origin is unknown to the importer, and that it cannot readily be ascertained, the current domestic value shall be that set out in section 114 of the Customs Act, 1913, less 10 per cent. if the goods are imported from the United Kingdom or the United States of America, and less 20 per cent. if imported from Australia. (Those deductions have been estimated as representing the difference between the values in the country of origin and of export.)

(b.) If the goods are not subject to depreciated currency duty, the current domestic value of the goods shall be that set out in section 114 of the Customs Act, 1913.

(3.) If the goods are imported directly from any other country, the current domestic value thereof shall be determined as if they had been imported directly from Germany, Austria, or Hungary; provided that in any special case the Minister may assess the current domestic value of such goods at such sum as he thinks just.

(4.) The special duty (depreciated currency duty) under section 13 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1921, shall be levied at the rate of 33½ per cent. ad valorem upon the classes of goods enumerated in the First Schedule hereto.

(5.) Any person aggrieved by the importation of any German, Austrian, or Hungarian goods on which depreciated currency duty is not charged should make complaint in the prescribed form that such importations are prejudicially or injuriously affecting an industry established in New Zealand or in some other part of the British dominions. Forms for this purpose will be obtainable at any Customhouse in New Zealand after 1st September next.

(6.) A complaint with respect to importations affecting an industry established in the United Kingdom, or other part of the British dominions outside New Zealand, will be accepted from a New Zealand agent of the manufacturer provided that sufficient particulars are supplied to enable satisfactory inquiry to be made.

(7.) Before a decision is arrived at as to whether depreciated currency duties should be imposed on the goods referred to in any complaint, opportunity will be given to those interested to submit reasons why such duties should not be levied.

(8.) No alteration will be made in the basis above set forth for levying ad valorem duty, or in the list of goods subject to depreciated currency duty, unless after three months' notice.

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If large importations come to hand of goods manufactured or produced in or exported from Germany, Austria, or Hungary likely to prejudicially or injuriously affect industries established in New Zealand or in some other part of the British dominions, these can only be dealt with on their

arrival, after consideration of all the facts and circumstances connected therewith, and on comparison of such goods with similar goods produced or manufactured in and imported from the United Kingdom, other British possessions, and foreign countries.

Separate importations of small quantity or value of any lines of goods by different importers which, in the aggregate, would be likely to prejudicially or injuriously affect New Zealand or other British industries would be regarded as covered by the preceding paragraph.

Importers should understand that, if large importations arrive, early delivery cannot be guaranteed. It will be necessary to refer all such cases to this office, so that uniformity of practice throughout New Zealand may, if possible, be ensured.

FORMS OF INVOICE, ETC.

Invoices for goods imported directly from Germany, Austria, and Hungary should be made out and certified in the forms prescribed in the Customs regulations gazetted on 7th December last; but although it is desirable that the current domestic value in the currency of the exporting country should be stated on invoices and duly certified, this will not in the meantime be insisted upon.

For convenience, the forms of invoice and certificate are set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

DATE OF TAKING EFFECT.

The foregoing provisions shall come into force on and after the 1st day of September, 1923.

GEO. CRAIG,
For Comptroller of Customs.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

CLASSES OR KINDS OF GOODS SUBJECT TO DEPRECIATED CURRENCY DUTY.

Firearms.

Hats of felt (including felt hoods, blocked, sewn, or otherwise worked), whether of wool, fur, or other material or mixture of the same.

Paper, writing.

Paper, printing.

Perfumed spirits and Cologne water, if, under the Tariff, liable to ad valorem duty.

Pianofortes.

Pipes, tubes, and tubing of cast or wrought iron (including boiler-tubes, flanged or unflanged), and knees, bends, elbows, junction and inspection boxes and covers, and any other fittings of any material for the same.

The goods included under the Tariff headings quoted hereunder:—

Class VI: Rubber goods—

Rubber tires, rubber tiring, and inner tubes of rubber for pneumatic tires, n.e.i.

Rubber tires, bicycle, tricycle, perambulator and similar, and inner tubes of rubber for pneumatic tires, not exceeding 1½ in. in diameter.

Class VII: Glass, &c.—

Empty plain glass bottles, not being cut or ground; infants' feeding-bottles, with or without attachments; jars, plain glass.

Glass, bevelled, silvered, or with rounded or polished edges; mirrors and looking-glasses, framed or unframed.

Glass, crown, sheet, common window, plate, polished, coloured, bent, and other kinds, cut to any size or shape, n.e.i.

Glassware, n.e.i.; globes and chimneys for lamps, n.e.i.

Roofing-tiles, ridging, and finials, glass and earthen; sheets, plain or corrugated, roofing slates and tiles, ridging, and finials, composed of cement and asbestos or of similar materials; plaster-pulp sheets, plain and unornamental.

Class VIII: Fancy goods, &c.—

Toilet preparations and perfumery, n.e.i., including perfumed oil.

Class IX: Paper—

Wrapping paper, all kinds, glazed, mill-glazed, or unglazed, including browns, caps, casings, sulphites, sugars, and all other bag papers, candle carton paper, tissues, and tinfoil paper, not printed, n.e.i., in sheets or rolls of any size, if, under the Tariff, liable to ad valorem duty.

Class X: Metals—

Iron, galvanized or plain black—viz., rod, bolt, bar, angle, tee, channel, and rolled girders.

Iron, plain sheet, plain plate, and hoop (less than 6 in. in width), whether black, polished, enamelled, plated, tinned, galvanized, or otherwise coated with metal, n.e.i.; rolled chequered iron plates, plain black.