

Customs Tariff.—Conditions entitling Goods to Entry under the British Preferential Tariff.

Customs Department, Wellington, 1st October, 1924.

IT is hereby notified for general information that the Government has had under consideration the question of altering the conditions under which imported goods are admitted to entry under the British Preferential Tariff.

The existing conditions are indicated in the form of certificate (Form 5) prescribed by an Order in Council dated 4th December, 1922, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of 7th December, 1922.

It is now intended to modify these conditions with respect to goods imported or entered for home consumption on and after 1st April, 1925.

The amendments will necessitate, and their nature will be conveyed by, altering the word "one-fourth" in paragraph 6 (b) of the above-mentioned form of certificate to "three-fourths."

The following condition adopted by the Imperial Customs Conference held in London in 1921 will cease to operate when the new conditions are brought into force:—

"In the case of goods which have at some stage entered into the commerce of or undergone a process of manufacture in a foreign country, only that labour and material which is expended on or added to the goods after their return to British possessions shall be regarded as the produce or manufacture of British possessions in calculating the proportion of British labour and material in the factory or works costs of the finished article."

The new regulations and also a revised form of combined certificate of value and origin in conformity therewith will be prescribed by Order in Council at an early date. It is anticipated that this form will fulfil the requirements of Australia as well as New Zealand.

Those interested are hereby notified that the present form of combined certificate of value and origin will continue to be accepted by this Department until 30th September, 1925, provided that the word "one-fourth" in clause 6 (b) is altered to "three-fourths." This alteration will, of course, not be necessary except in respect of goods which are imported or entered for home consumption after 31st March, 1925. For convenience, the form of certificate which will be accepted after the last-mentioned date and until 30th September, 1925, is set forth in the Schedule hereto.

GEO. CRAIG, Comptroller of Customs.

SCHEDULE.

COMBINED CERTIFICATE OF VALUE AND OF ORIGIN TO BE WRITTEN OR PRINTED ON INVOICES OF GOODS FOR EXPORTATION TO NEW ZEALAND.

I, [Here insert manager, chief clerk, or as the case may be] of [Here insert name of firm or company], of [Here insert name of city or country], manufacturer/supplier of the goods enumerated in this invoice amounting to _____, hereby declare that I [(These words should be omitted where the manufacturer or supplier himself signs the certificate) have the authority to make and sign this certificate on behalf of the aforesaid manufacturer/supplier, and that I] have the means of knowing and do hereby certify as follows:—

VALUE.

1. That this invoice is in all respects correct, and contains a true and full statement of the price actually paid or to be paid for the said goods, and the actual quantity thereof.

2. That no different invoice of the goods mentioned in the said invoice has been or will be furnished to anyone; and that no arrangement or understanding affecting the purchase-price of the said goods has been or will be made or entered into between the exporter and purchaser, or by anyone on behalf of either of them, either by way of discount, rebate, compensation, or in any manner whatever other than as fully shown on this invoice, or as follows [Here insert particulars of any special arrangement].

3. That the domestic values shown in the column headed "Current Domestic Values" are those at which the above-mentioned firm or company would be prepared to supply to any purchaser for home consumption in the country of exportation, and at the date of exportation, identically similar goods in equal quantities, at [Here insert "warehouse," "factory," or "port of shipment"], subject to _____ per cent. cash discount, and that such values include/exclude the cost of outside packages (if any) in which the goods are sold in such country for domestic consumption.

4. That the said domestic value includes any duty leviable in respect of the goods before they are delivered for home consumption, and that on exportation a drawback or remission of duty amounting to _____ has been/will be allowed by the revenue authorities in the country of exportation.

ORIGIN.

[Delete whichever of 5 (a) or 5 (b) is not applicable. If 5 (a) is used, delete 6 and 7; if 5 (b) is used, insert required particulars in 6 and 7.]

5. (a.) That every article mentioned in the said invoice has been wholly produced or manufactured in [Insert "United Kingdom" or name of other part of British dominions].

5. (b.) That every article mentioned in the said invoice has been either wholly or partially produced or manufactured in [Insert "United Kingdom" or name of other part of British dominions].