

Minister's Decisions under Customs Acts.

Customs Department, Wellington, 3rd August, 1931.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Hon. the Minister of Customs has decided to interpret the Customs Acts in relation to the undermentioned articles as follows:—

NOTES.—(a) "Not elsewhere included" appears as n.e.i.; "other kinds" as o.k.; "articles and materials suited for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication or repair of goods within New Zealand" as a. and m.s. (b) Articles marked thus † are revised decisions. (c) Wherever the General Tariff rate shown opposite any goods enumerated in these decisions is lower than that provided for in the First Schedule to the Customs Amendment Act, 1927, action has been taken by the Minister under section 11 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1927. In such cases the reduced rate is marked with an asterisk. (d) Steam-engines, gas-engines, oil-engines, and electric or other motors are not, unless otherwise indicated, to be regarded as parts of the machines with which they are imported.

Record.	Goods.	Classification under Tariff, and Item No	Rate of Duty.	
			British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
9/23/10	A. and m.s., viz. :— Boots, shoes, &c., articles and materials for the manufacture or repair of, viz.,— Lace ends, acorn pattern, for shoe laces ..	As a. and m.s. (448) ..	Free ..	Free.
4/293/6	Chemicals, &c., used in manufactures, viz.,— Lacquers, cellulose and pyroxylin, chemicals for making, viz.,— Thinners or mixings Nos. 4 and 5, N. R. Nason and Co.'s, 'Frisco	As a and m.s. (448) ..	Free ..	10 per cent.
4/286/8	Weaving, dyeing, &c., of textiles, materials used in connection with, viz.,— Neomerpin, and Neomerpin N, preparations for treating fabrics prior to dyeing	As a. and m.s. (448) ..	Free ..	Free.
20/36/4	Tennis racquets, materials for, viz.,— Vellum, in sheets, on declaration by a manufacturer that it will be used by him in the manufacture of tennis racquets in New Zealand	As a. and m.s. (448) ..	Free ..	10 per cent.
20/245	Articles n.e.i., viz. :— Grinding compound "Zip" an abradant substance with no added grease	As articles n.e.i. (449) ..	Free ..	10 per cent.
20/36/4	Cordage and twine suited for use as fishing-lines, &c., viz. :— "Silk bindings," for use in place of catgut, in the manufacture of tennis racquets	As cordage, &c., suited for use as fishing-lines (423)	Free ..	20 per cent.
12/10/9	Electrical machinery, &c., viz. :— Surgery, electrical appliances peculiar to, viz.,— "Electreat" electric massage machine (a Faradic coil), including the sponge and internal electrode for use therewith (NOTE.—The brush for use therewith is, if imported, to be separately classified under Tariff item 419.)	As electrical appliances peculiar to surgery (333 (4))	Free ..	25 per cent.
12/27/2	Lamps, &c., viz.,— "Perba" lamp for diagnostic work in the mouth and throat			
†5/4	Hats, caps, hat-hoods, n.e.i., and millinery, viz. :— Hoods, woven or plaited, unblocked, not sewn, cut, or otherwise worked, also such hoods partially blocked, not sewn, cut, or otherwise worked, as may be approved by the Minister, made from sisal, straw, hemp, rush, pandanus leaf, or other similar vegetable material (including paper imitations of same), on declaration that they will be blocked and used in the manufacture of hats in New Zealand (NOTE.—Hoods in which the edge is stitched merely to prevent fraying are not to be regarded as sewn hoods.) (NOTE.—Revises decision in M.O. 32.)	As hat-hoods n.e.i. (164) ..	25 per cent.	25 per cent.*
3/325/2	Machinery, &c., and appliances, viz. :— Agricultural n.e.i., viz.,— Caponising sets for operating on cockerels to produce a better flesh for table use	As agricultural implements n.e.i. (333 (2))	Free ..	Free.
16/48/2	Dairying, viz.,— Thermometer, the "Tycos" double retard recording, specially designed for use in connection with the pasteurization of milk	As dairying machinery n.e.i. (334 (2))	Free ..	Free.
2/506	Grinding, emery, and similar, viz.,— Hob sharpening machine, the "Pfauter" ..	As emery grinding machines (351 (7))	Free ..	Free.*

* Under section 11, Customs Amendment Act, 1927.