

Minister's Decisions under Customs Acts.

Customs Department, Wellington, 14th March, 1934.

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. (e) Surtax as provided for in section 5 of the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1930, or primage duty as provided for in section 4 of the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1931, as the case may be, is payable in addition to the duties set out hereunder.

Record.	Goods.	Classification under Tariff, and Item No.	Rate of Duty.	
			British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
	A. and m.s., viz. :— Apparel, articles and materials for the manufacture of, viz. :—			
5/13/6	Collar supports, metal, on declaration by a collar-manufacturer that they will be used by him solely in the manufacture of collars	As a. and m.s. (448) ..	Free ..	Free.
5/85/2	Rubber strips, textile covered, for attaching to the neckbands of shirts and collars to obviate the use of back-studs	As a. and m.s. (448) ..	Free ..	20 per cent.
3/484/6	Cardboard cylindrical containers for electric batteries, on declaration by a manufacturer that they will be used by him only in the manufacture of electric batteries in New Zealand	As a. and m.s. (448) ..	Free ..	25 per cent.
	Chemicals, &c., used in manufactures, viz.— Lacquers, cellulose and pyroxylin, chemicals for making, viz.—			
4/293/10	Nitrocellulose solvent. Brolite Pty., Ltd., Melbourne	As a. and m.s. (448) ..	Free ..	10 per cent.
4/293/6	Thinner or mixing, No. 8, N.R. Nason and Co., Frisco	As a. and m.s. (448) ..	Free ..	10 per cent.
4/422	Sulphonated higher alcohols as may be approved by the Minister	As a. and m.s. (488) ..	Free ..	Free.
	Hats and caps, articles and materials used in the manufacture of, viz.—			
5/37/47	Tubular woven fabrics of artificial silk and wool, as may be approved by the Minister, on declaration by a manufacturer that they will be used by him solely for building-up the bodies and brims of hats	As a. and m.s. (448) ..	Free ..	Free.
	Tinsmiths' materials, viz.—			
3/663/2	{ Knobs for electric toasters } { Thumb-rests for electric irons }	As a. and m.s. (448) ..	Free ..	10 per cent.
	Educational apparatus, appliances, articles, and materials, viz. :—			
20/47/117	"Magic blackboards" consisting of miniature blackboards fitted with internal springs and of pictures of animals painted on keyed wooden slides by means of which the name of the animal concerned is made to appear	As educational apparatus (416)	Free ..	25 per cent.
6/164/3	Posters and pamphlets containing instructions for first aid in resuscitation by artificial respiration	As educational apparatus (416)	Free ..	Free.
	Insulators, electric, viz. :—			
3/649/7	"Lead-in tubes" for leading wireless aerials through the walls of buildings, consisting of an insulated copper or brass wire or bar with terminals at each end	As electric insulators (353 (1))	25 per cent.	50 per cent.
	Machinery, &c., and appliances :—			
	Manufacturing, &c., viz.—			
2/424/2	Fruit preparing and vegetable preparing, viz.— Jam cooler, rotary water jacketed ..	As machinery, &c., peculiar to use in manufacturing, industrial, and similar processes (352)	Free ..	25 per cent.
	Textile piece-goods, viz. :—			
8/3/38	Cotton, linen, silk, &c. (except wool or hair), viz.— Pieces of textile composed of materials embraced by Tariff item 180 will be admitted as "piece-goods" for the purposes of that item if (a) each piece represents not less than six articles, or (b) if representing less than six articles the length of such piece is not less than six yards (NOTE.—The classification of plain tablecloths, table napkins, towels, quilts, sheets, and similar plain articles is not affected by the above decision.)