Minister's Decisions under Customs Acts.

Customs Department, Wellington, 28th June, 1938.

Tis 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) The rates of duty payable on goods set out hereunder have not been shown except in the case of goods classed under Tariff items 416, 448, and 449, (2), and of goods admitted (under the provisions of section 11 of the Customs Amendment Act, 1927) at a rate of duty lower than that provided for in the First Schedule to the Customs Acts Amendment Act, 1934. Where goods are admitted under the provisions of section 11 aforesaid, 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.	Classified under Tariff Item No.	Rate of Duty.	
			British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
	Articles n.e.i., viz.:—			
38-18/47/2	Rubber in ordinary commercial sheets, composed wholly of compounded or vulcanized rubber, plain coloured, not being	449 (1)		••
38-18/47/5	ribbed, grooved, or similarly surfaced *Rubber, spiked or pipped, in sheets, specially suited for the	449 (1)		
	manufacture of batting gloves and for facing table tennis bats respectively Rubber, articles and materials composed wholly of, viz.,—			
†38–18/72	*Battery filler, a bottle cap for pouring acid into battery jars	449 (1)		
38-18/72/2 +38-18/37	Battery filler, a syringe with rubber bulb and hard rubber stem *Belting in the piece, plain or corrugated, for the manufacture	449 (1) 449 (1)		••
38-18/32/7	of ladies' belts Brush macks being rubber covers for use on the backs of toilet brushes while the bristles are being washed	449 (1)		
38-11/32/83	Bumpers for vehicles, viz.—			
	Axle bumper, "Silentruba" No. A. 78	449 (1)		• •
00 10 (00 (0	Radiator and bonnet button, "Silentruba" No. A. 5.	449 (1)	••	• •
38–18/32/3 †38–18/65	Cash mats, being small rubber mats suited only for counter use *Castor pads for placing under furniture easters to protect linoleum	449 (1) 449 (1)		• • •
38-8/86/2 †38-18/59	Crib-sheets, being plain rectangular pieces of rubber sheeting *Cups, plain moulded, for fitting into bottoms of butchers'	449 (1) 449 (1)		
38-11/32/65	knife pouches *Door-check straps, slotted	449 (1)		
38-18/52/2	*Door "cushions," pneumatic suction, for motor-vehicles	449 (1)		• • •
38–18/32/6	D'oyleys consisting of open work rubber similar to lace, attached to a backing of sheet rubber	449 (1)	••	••
38-2/28/15	*Gaskets, strips of rubber specially shaped and designed for insulating doors of refrigerator cabinets "Grommets" or bushings used for leading insulated wires	449 (1) 449 (1)	••	••
38-18/77	through metal sheet	449 (1)		••
†38–9/42/6 38–3/338/13	*Heel pads of sponge-rubber, for wearing inside boots *" Hose protectors," bell shaped rubber attachments for petrol pumps to prevent pinching of the hose, also sheet rubber packing therefor (Note.—Metal clips therefor are to be separately	449 (1) 449 (1)	••	••
†38–18/58	classified under T.I. 356 (1) (b) .) *Jackets, about 3 in. long (bottle-shaped with open rolled ends),	449 (1)		
38-18/83	for use with hair-waving outfits 'Kant Kink' rubber cord covers for use on flexible cords of telephones, electric irons, and similar appliances	449 (1)	••	
38-18/79	"Key-Tees," being rubber studs for holding keys	449 (1)		
†38–18/61	*Lagging, corrugated, for use on the drums of belt conveyors	449 (1)		
†38–20/263	Opener for removing screw caps from bottles and jars	449 (1)		
†38–3/741	†Plugs for bath-tubs without metal fittings (Note.—Plugs imported with fittings though not attached thereto may be admitted under the above decision. The fittings are liable to duty under T.I. 356 (1) (b). Plugs with metal fittings attached are to be classed under T.I. 356 (1) (b).)	449 (1)	••	
$\dagger 38 - 18/21$	‡Rings, bells, or guards (for protecting horses' fetlocks)	449 (1)		
38-3/636/2	Road marking blocks and study of rubber	449 (1)		• •
$38-18/81 \ 38-3/588/3$	Rubber protector caps for use on the ends of window fittings. Rubber protectors being small squares of sponge rubber with	449 (1) 449 (1)		
90 10 /40 /9	cross-cut opening in the centre for use with hair-waving outfits Rubber suction discs, being small cups of soft rubber for	449 (1)		
38-18/49/2	holding printed celluloid discs for attachment to windscreens of motor-cars		••	••
38-18/32/8	Shelf supports, rubber, acorn type, for use in the manufacture of refrigerators (Nort.—Screws and nuts imported with the shelf supports are to be separately classified under T.I. 310.)	449 (1)	••	••
†38-18/71	†Shock absorbers, plain or bored, for roller skates	449 (1)		
38-18/32/4	Soap boxes, dishes and trays	449 (1)		
38-18/32/2	Soap savers, rubber rings with projecting points above and	449 (1)	I	

^{*} Revises decision on page 54 of the Tariff-book.

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