

*Board of Trade Notice No. 73—Public Inquiry into Import Duties on Pipes, etc.*

1. The Board of Trade proposes to inquire into and report upon the question of what rates of import duty should be imposed under the following tariff items:

**Tariff Item 216:** Drainage-pipes, drainage-tiles, conduit-pipes, and chimney pots, of earthenware, concrete, or similar materials.

**Tariff Item 362:** Pipes, piping, tubes, and tubing (except coil pipes), viz.:

- (1) Wrought iron, steel, or wood, n.e.i., (including such pipes or tubes when protected with a cement or similar coating) not less than 4 in. but less than 9 in. in internal diameter.
- (2) (a) Cast iron, n.e.i., including rain-water, soil, and similar pipes.
- (b) (i) Centrifugally cast iron pipes, piping, tubes, and tubing, exceeding 6 in. but not exceeding 12 in. in nominal internal diameter.
- (ii) Centrifugally-cast iron pipes, piping, tubes, and tubing, not less than 4 in. but not exceeding 6 in. in nominal internal diameter.
- (3) (a) Wrought iron or steel, screwed, boiler tubes, flanged or unflanged; and all pipes, piping, tubes, and tubing, n.e.i. (excluding galvanized iron or steel flush pipes).
- (b) Galvanized iron or steel flush pipes.
- (5) Knees, bends, elbows, junction or inspection boxes including covers therefor, and other fittings, n.e.i., for pipes, piping, tubes, or tubing, viz.:
  - (a) Of brass or other copper alloy.
  - (b) Of cast iron for rain-water, soil, and similar pipes.
- (6) Knees, bends, elbows, junction or inspection boxes including covers therefor, and other fittings, n.e.i., for any of the above-mentioned pipes, piping, tubes, or tubing, shall be classed under the same item of the Tariff as the pipes, piping, tubes, and tubing for which they are fittings.

The present rates of import duty in respect of these items are:

<b>Tariff Item 216:</b>	<i>British Preferential:</i>	3%.
	<i>Australian Agreement:</i>	25%.
	<i>General:</i>	45%.*
<b>Tariff Item 362 (1):</b>	<i>British Preferential:</i>	20%.
	<i>Most Favoured Nation:</i>	35%.
	<i>Switzerland:</i>	35%.
	<i>General:</i>	40%.*
<b>Tariff Item 362 (2) (a):</b>	<i>British Preferential:</i>	Free.
	<i>Most Favoured Nation:</i>	20%.
	<i>Switzerland:</i>	20%.
	<i>General:</i>	40%.*
<b>Tariff Item 362 (2) (b) (i):</b>	<i>British Preferential:</i>	Free.
	<i>Australian Agreement:</i>	20%.
	<i>Most Favoured Nation:</i>	20%.
	<i>Switzerland:</i>	20%.
	<i>General:</i>	40%.*
<b>Tariff Item 362 (2) (b) (ii):</b>	<i>British Preferential:</i>	20%.
	<i>Most Favoured Nation:</i>	35%.
	<i>Switzerland:</i>	35%.
	<i>General:</i>	40%.*
<b>Tariff Item 362 (3) (a):</b>	<i>British Preferential:</i>	Free.
	<i>Most Favoured Nation:</i>	20%.
	<i>Switzerland:</i>	20%.
	<i>General:</i>	20%.*
<b>Tariff Item 362 (3) (b):</b>	<i>British Preferential:</i>	Free.
	<i>Most Favoured Nation:</i>	20%.
	<i>Switzerland:</i>	20%.
	<i>General:</i>	20%.*
<b>Tariff Item 362 (5) (a):</b>	<i>British Preferential:</i>	Free.
	<i>Most Favoured Nation:</i>	20%.
	<i>Switzerland:</i>	20%.
	<i>General:</i>	40%.*
<b>Tariff Item 362 (5) (b):</b>	<i>British Preferential:</i>	20%.
	<i>Most Favoured Nation:</i>	35%.
	<i>Switzerland:</i>	35%.
	<i>General:</i>	40%.*

\* Plus surtax at the rate of nine-fortieths of the amount of duty.

2. During the course of this inquiry the Board will consider the desirability of reclassifying the goods in question for the purposes of the Customs Tariff. In addition, the Board will consider whether such of the goods in question as are now subject to import licensing should be exempted from the requirements of import licensing, and in respect of such of the goods in question as are already exempt whether import licensing should be reimposed in respect of any of them.

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3. For the purpose of taking evidence on the review of these tariff items, the Board will hold a public inquiry commencing on Tuesday, 1 December 1953, at 10.30 a.m., in the Board Room, First Floor, Departmental Building, Stout Street, Wellington.

4. Any person who intends to tender evidence should comply with the notes for the guidance of witnesses (2nd edition) which have been approved by the Board. A copy of these notes may be obtained from the office of any Collector of Customs or from the undernamed.

5. A typewritten statement of the evidence to be tendered, compiled in accordance with these notes of guidance, should be lodged with the undernamed on or before Tuesday, 17 November 1953. Each statement will in general need to be presented under oath at the public inquiry by the person tendering it.

Dated at Wellington, this 24th day of September 1953.

R. F. WILSON, Secretary, Board of Trade.  
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*Board of Trade Notice No. 74*

NOTICE is hereby given: (a) That the Board of Trade has reviewed Board of Trade Notice No. 29 of 23 June 1952 (published in *Gazette* No. 45 of 3 July 1952), wherein it was stated that a recommendation would not be made to exempt the following goods from import licensing until a review of the appropriate tariff duties had taken place:

Tariff Item	Description
Ex 357 (10) (a)	Wire, metal, plain, n.e.i., viz.: non-ferrous (excluding nickel chrome resistance wire); baling wire, plain fencing wire, and plain barbing wire.

(b) That the Board of Trade has determined that as "baling wire, plain fencing wire, and plain barbing wire" are not made in New Zealand, the Board may recommend them for exemption from import licensing without a tariff review.

(c) That the said notice of 23 June 1952 is accordingly amended by deleting therefrom the words "baling wire, plain fencing wire, and plain barbing wire".

Dated at Wellington, this 28th day of September 1953.

R. F. WILSON, Secretary, Board of Trade.  
C.P.O. Box 2424, Wellington.

*The Standards Act 1941—Specifications Declared to be Standard Specifications*

NOTICE is hereby given that on 16 September 1953 the under-mentioned specifications were declared to be standard specifications by the Minister of Industries and Commerce pursuant to section 8 of the Standards Act 1941.

Number and Title of Specification	Price of Copy (Post Free)
N.Z.S.S. 425: Cathode copper; being B.S. 1035: 1952 ( <i>superseding</i> N.Z.S.S. 425, being B.S. 1035: 1942)	s. d.
N.Z.S.S. 426: Electrolytic tough pitch high conductivity copper; being B.S. 1036: 1952 ( <i>superseding</i> N.Z.S.S. 426, being B.S. 1036: 1942)	
N.Z.S.S. 427: Fire-refined tough pitch high conductivity copper; being B.S. 1037: 1952 ( <i>superseding</i> N.Z.S.S. 427, being B.S. 1037: 1942)	
N.Z.S.S. 428: 99.85 per cent tough pitch copper (conductivity not specified); being B.S. 1038: 1952 ( <i>superseding</i> N.Z.S.S. 428, being B.S. 1038: 1942)	
N.Z.S.S. 429: 99.75 per cent tough pitch copper (conductivity not specified); being B.S. 1039: 1952 ( <i>superseding</i> N.Z.S.S. 429, being B.S. 1039: 1942)	
N.Z.S.S. 430: 99.50 per cent tough pitch copper (conductivity not specified); being B.S. 1040: 1952 ( <i>superseding</i> N.Z.S.S. 430, being B.S. 1040: 1942)	4 0
N.Z.S.S. 526: Malleable cast iron (Whiteheart process) and cast copper alloy pipe fittings (screwed B.S.P. taper male and parallel female thread) for steam, air, water, gas, and oil: being B.S. 1256: 1952 ( <i>superseding</i> N.Z.S.S. 526, being B.S. 1256: 1945)	
N.Z.S.S. 530: Phosphorous deoxidized non-arsenical copper for general purposes; being B.S. 1172: 1952 ( <i>superseding</i> N.Z.S.S. 530, being B.S. 1172: 1944)	
N.Z.S.S. 531: Tough pitch arsenical copper; being B.S. 1173: 1952 ( <i>superseding</i> N.Z.S.S. 531, being B.S. 1173: 1944)	
N.Z.S.S. 532: Phosphorous deoxidized arsenical copper; being B.S. 1174: 1952 ( <i>superseding</i> N.Z.S.S. 532, being B.S. 1174: 1944)	
N.Z.S.S. 1165: Oxygen-free high conductivity copper; being B.S. 1861: 1952.	

Applications for copies should be made to the N.Z. Standards Institute, Hamilton Chambers, 201 Lambton Quay (P.O. Box 195), Wellington C. 1.

Dated at Wellington, this 24th day of September 1953.

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