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## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

## The Import Duties (General) (No. 4) Order 1973

Made	- . . . -	24th May 1973
Laid before the House		
of Commons		29th May 1973
Coming into Operation		1st June 1973

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by sections 1 and 13 of the Import Duties Act 1958(a), as amended by section 5(5) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to, the European Communities Act 1972(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State(c), hereby make the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Import Duties (General) (No. 4) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1973.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Import Duties (General) (No. 7) Order 1971(e), as amended(f), shall have effect subject to the following further amendments:

(a) in Article 2(4) (relating to the definition of the unit of account), for rule (b) there shall be substituted the following:

“until (and on) such day as is referred to in rule (a), the unit of account shall be taken as equal to £0.46202.”;

(b) in Schedule 1 (which by reference to the Customs Tariff 1959 sets out the import duties chargeable under the Import Duties Act 1958), Additional Note 6(c) to Chapter 4, subheading 02.02(A) (whole dead poultry) and heading 04.04 (cheese and curd) shall be amended as specified in the Schedule to this Order.

24th May 1973.

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(a) 1958 c. 6.

(b) 1972 c. 68.

(c) See S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).

(d) 1889 c. 63.

(e) S.I. 1971/1971 (1971 III, p. 5330).

(f) The relevant amending Order is S.I. 1972/1909 (1972 III, p. 5549).

## SCHEDULE

(a) For subheading 02.02(A)(II) there shall be substituted the following:—

“(II) Ducks:

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| (a) Plucked, bled, gutted but not drawn, with heads and feet, known as “85% ducks” .. .. .                     | — | —   |
| (b) Plucked and drawn, without heads and feet, but with hearts, livers and gizzards, known as “70% ducks” ..   | — | —   |
| (c) Plucked and drawn, without heads and feet and without hearts, livers and gizzards, known as “63% ducks” .. | — | —”. |

(b) For Additional Note 6(c) to Chapter 4 there shall be substituted the following:

“(c) In the form of slices wrapped separately in aluminium foil or artificial plastic wrappings, the net weight of each slice not exceeding 30g.”.

(c) For subheading 04.04(A)(i) there shall be substituted the following:—

“(A) Emmentaler, Gruyère, Sbrinz, Bergkäse and Appenzell, not grated or powdered: .

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| (1) Of a minimum fat content of 45% by weight, referred to dry matter, matured for at least 3 months:   |   |     |
| (a) Whole cheeses of a free-at-frontier value per 100 kg net weight of:   |   |     |
| (1) 134 UA or more, but less than 154 UA .. .. .  | — | —   |
| (2) 154 UA or more .. .. .  | — | —   |
| (b) Pieces packed in vacuum or in inert gas:  |   |     |
| (1) With rind on at least one side, of a net weight:  |   |     |
| (aa) Of not less than 1 kg but less than 5 kg and of a free-at-frontier value of not less than 154 UA but less than 182 UA per 100 kg net weight ..       | — | —   |
| (bb) Of not less than 450 g and of a free-at-frontier value of not less than 182 UA per 100 kg net weight .. .. .   | — | —   |
| (2) Other, of a net weight of not less than 75 g but not more than 250 g and of a free-at-frontier value of not less than 202 UA per 100 kg net weight .. | — | —”. |

(d) In subheading 04.04(E)(I)(b)(2), for the description there shall be substituted the following:—

“(2) Tilsit and Butterkäse, of a fat content, by weight, referred to dry matter:”.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order, which comes into operation on 1st June 1973, further amends the Import Duties (General) (No. 7) Order 1971, which sets out the United Kingdom Customs Tariff and the protective import duties chargeable in accordance with it.

The Order provides for certain changes in additional note 6(c) to Chapter 4 and in tariff descriptions affecting subheadings 02.02(A)(II) (whole ducks) and 04.04(A) and (E) (cheeses and curds), in order to conform with the Common Customs Tariff of the European Economic Community (as amended by Regulation (EEC) 988/73 (O.J. No. L99, 13.4.73, p. 6) and a Regulation approved by the Council of the European Communities on 14th May 1973).

The Order also alters the method presently used for converting units of account into pounds sterling in cases where goods are classified in the Customs Tariff by reference to values expressed in units of account. The rate of conversion conforms with that specified in Regulation (EEC) 222/73 (O.J. No. L27, 1.2.73, p. 4) as amended by Regulation (EEC) 560/73 (O.J. No. L55, 28.2.73, p. 5).

These amendments do not affect the amount of import duties actually chargeable on any goods.

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