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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

**The Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions)
(No. 15) Order 1974**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>6th September 1974</i>
<i>Laid before the House of Commons -</i>	<i>10th September 1974</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st October 1974</i>

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by sections 1, 3(6) and 13 of the Import Duties Act 1958(a), as amended (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:

Citation, operation, interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 15) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1974.

(2) In this Order—

references to a heading or subheading are references to a heading or subheading of the Customs Tariff 1959 and

“the relevant date” in relation to any goods specified in column 2 of the Schedule hereto means 31st December 1974 or, if an earlier date is there specified in relation to the goods, the date so specified.

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

Intra-Community trade

2. Up to and including the relevant date no import duty shall be charged on goods of a heading or subheading specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto which are of a description specified in column 2 thereof if they satisfy the requisite conditions to benefit from Regulation (EEC) 385/73(e) (relating to goods entitled to benefit from the eventual abolition of customs duties in trade between member States of the European Communities).

(a) 1958 c. 6.

(b) See section 5(5) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to, the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68).

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

(d) 1889 c. 63.

(e) O.J. No. L42, 14.2.1973, p. 1.

The full rate

3.—(1) Up to and including the relevant date, in the case of goods which fall within a heading or subheading specified in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto which are of a description specified in column 2 thereof, if a rate of duty is shown in column 3 thereof in relation to the goods, import duty shall be charged at the rate so shown instead of any higher rate which would otherwise apply.

(2) If no entry appears in column 3 of the Schedule hereto in relation to goods of a description specified in column 2 thereof, no reduction in duty applies to such goods by virtue of paragraph (1) of this Article.

(3) Paragraph (1) above shall operate without prejudice to the exemption provided for by Article 2 above or to any exemption or greater reduction provided for by Articles 4 and 5 below.

Cyprus, Egypt

4.—(1) Up to and including the relevant date, any import duty for the time being chargeable on goods of a heading or subheading specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto which are of a description specified in column 2 thereof shall be charged:

- (a) at the rate, if any, shown in column 4 thereof in relation to the description if the goods originate in Cyprus;
- (b) at the rate, if any, shown in column 5 thereof in relation to the description if the goods originate in Egypt.

(2) For the purposes of this Order, goods shall be regarded:

- (a) as originating in Cyprus if they are to be so regarded under the Agreement, signed on 19th December 1972, between the European Economic Community and Cyprus^(a) and
- (b) as originating in Egypt if they are to be so regarded under the Agreement, signed on 18th December 1972, between the Community and Egypt^(b).

(3) If no entry appears in column 4 or 5 of the Schedule hereto in relation to goods of a description specified in column 2 thereof, no reduction in duty applies by virtue of this Article to goods of that description originating in Cyprus or Egypt.

(4) This Article shall operate without prejudice to any greater reduction in, or to any exemption from, import duties which may be available apart from this Order in the case of goods herein referred to by virtue of their being goods of a developing country or goods qualifying for Commonwealth preference or otherwise.

Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Article, up to and including the relevant date, no import duty shall be charged on goods of a heading or subheading specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto which are of a description specified in column 2 thereof if the goods originate in Morocco, Tunisia or Turkey.

(a) The Agreement is annexed to Regulation (EEC) 1246/73 (O.J. No. L133, 21.5.1973, p. 1).

(b) The Agreement is annexed to Regulation (EEC) 2409/73 (O.J. No. L251, 7.9.1973, p. 1).

(2) The exemptions provided for by paragraph (1) of this Article shall not apply to goods which are of a description specified in column 2 of the Schedule hereto followed by the letters "ECSC".

(3) For the purposes of this Article goods shall be regarded as originating:

- (a) in Morocco if they are to be so regarded under the Protocol, signed on 2nd March 1973, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Morocco (a),
- (b) in Tunisia if they are to be so regarded under the Protocol, signed on 28th February 1973, to the Agreement between the Community and Tunisia (b) and
- (c) in Turkey if they are to be so regarded, or are to be regarded as in free circulation in Turkey, under—
 - (i) the Additional Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the Community and Turkey(c) or
 - (ii) the Decision of the Association Council No. 4/72 of 29th September 1972 annexed to Regulation (EEC) 428/73(d).

Miscellaneous

6.—(1) Any description of goods in column 2 of the Schedule hereto shall be taken to comprise all goods which would be classified under an entry in the same terms constituting a subheading (other than the final subheading) in the relevant heading in the Customs Tariff 1959.

(2) For the purposes of classification under the Customs Tariff 1959, insofar as that depends on the rate of duty, any goods to which this Order applies shall be treated as chargeable with the same duty as if this Order had not been made.

7. The Schedule to the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 12) Order 1974(e) shall be amended by the deletion of the entries in columns (3), (4) and (5) thereof in relation to goods of the heading 38.19 and the substitution therefor of "9", "2.7" and "4" respectively.

T. Pendry,
M. Cocks,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

6th September 1974.

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- (a) The Protocol is annexed to Regulation (EEC) 2285/73 (O.J. No. L239, 27.8.1973, p. 1).
 - (b) The Protocol is annexed to Regulation (EEC) 2286/73 (O.J. No. L239, 27.8.1973, p. 105).
 - (c) The Protocol is annexed to Regulation (EEC) 2760/72 (O.J. No. L293, 29.12.72, p. 1).
 - (d) O.J. No. L59, 5.3.1973, p. 73).
 - (e) S.I. 1974/1350 (1974 II, p.5154).

(NOTE: Where no rate of duty is shown in column 3 there is no reduction in the full rate and where no rate is shown in columns 4 and 5 there is no reduction in the case of goods of Egypt or Cyprus as such).

SCHEDULE

GOODS SUBJECT TO TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN OR EXEMPTION FROM IMPORT DUTY

Tariff Heading (1)	Description (2)	Rates of duty %		
		Full (3)	Cyprus (4)	Egypt (5)
29.04	2,3-Dibromopropan-1-ol containing not more than 0.1 per cent. by weight of 1,2,3-tribromopropane (up to and including 31st October 1974)	15.8	4.7	7.1
39.02	Laminated sheets in rolls, not printed or surface worked, being not less than 0.25 millimetre and not more than 3.00 millimetres in thickness, and either (a) having not more than three plies consisting of polymers or copolymers of styrene, or (b) having one ply consisting of polypropylene or a polymer or copolymer of ethylene and not more than two plies consisting of a polymer or copolymer of styrene, the latter ply/plies predominating by weight	—	5.5	8.2
	Poly(vinyl chloride) in powder form and of natural colour, unplasticised	—	3.7	5.5
58.07	Braid wholly of dyed poly(glycollic acid) yarn	6.5	1.9	2.9
73.07	Blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars of iron or steel, rolled but not forged (ECSC)	4	—	—
73.09	Universal plates of iron or steel (ECSC) ...	6	—	—
73.10	Bars and rods of iron or steel, not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded, in straight lengths and having a rectangular cross-section of which the width is not less than 10 millimetres nor more than 210 millimetres and the thickness is not less than 6 millimetres (ECSC)	6	—	—
	Bars and rods of iron or steel, not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded, in straight lengths or in coils, of circular, square or hexagonal cross-section, or ribbed and of which the greatest cross-sectional dimension does not exceed 156 millimetres; in the case of square cross-section the corners may be either square or rounded (ECSC)	6	—	—
	Wire rod, of iron or steel and of round section (ECSC)	7	—	—
73.11	Angles, shapes and sections of iron or steel, not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded, and not clad, in the case of I, U, H and Z sections the distance between the outer surfaces of the two parallel planes is to be not less than 70 millimetres, in the case of angles the outer length of the leg			

Tariff Heading (1)	Description (2)	Rates of Duty %		
		Full (3)	Cyprus (4)	Egypt (5)
73.11 (Contd.)	or of the longest leg is to be not less than 70 millimetres and in all other cases the greatest dimension of the cross-section is to be not less than 70 millimetres —drilled, punched or otherwise fabricated (ECSC) —other (ECSC)	6 6 6	— — —	— — —
73.12	Sheet piling of iron or steel, whether or not drilled, punched or made from assembled elements (ECSC)	6	—	—
	Hoop and strip of iron or steel, zinc coated, of a thickness of —3 millimetres or more —other	— —	£0-9920 per tonne or 1-4% whichever is the greater +0-9% £0-9920 per tonne or 1-4% whichever is the greater +0-9%	£1-4881 per tonne or 2-1% whichever is the greater +1-4% £1-4881 per tonne or 2-1% whichever is the greater +1-4%
	Strip of iron or steel, coated with tin, of a width not less than 304 millimetres and not more than 500 millimetres, of a thickness of not less than 0-12 millimetre and not more than 0-5 millimetre, and of a length of not more than 1016 millimetres —tinplate (ECSC) —other	7 —	— £0-9920 per tonne or 1-4% whichever is the greater +0-9%	— £1-4881 per tonne or 2-1% whichever is the greater +1-4%
	Strip of iron or steel, in coil form, coated with tin, of a width of not less than 140 millimetres, and not more than 500 millimetres, and of a thickness of not less than 0-12 millimetre and not more than 0-5 millimetre —tinplate (ECSC) —other	7 —	— £0-9920 per tonne or 1-4% whichever is the greater +0-9%	— £1-4881 per tonne or 2-1% whichever is the greater +1-4%
73.13	“Electrical” sheets and plates, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled but not plated, coated or clad or otherwise worked —with a watt-loss, regardless of thickness, of 0-75 watt or less (ECSC) —other	6 7	— —	— —

Tariff Heading (1)	Description (2)	Rates of duty %		
		Full (3)	Cyprus (4)	Egypt (5)
73.13 <i>Contd.</i>	Sheets and plates of iron or steel, cold-rolled but not coated or otherwise worked, of a thickness of			
	—3 millimetres or more	7	2.1	3.1
	—more than 1 millimetre but less than 3 millimetres (ECSC)	6	—	—
	—1 millimetre or less (ECSC) ...	—	—	—
	Sheets and plates of iron or steel, hot-rolled but not coated or otherwise worked, of a thickness of			
	—2 millimetres or more (ECSC) ...	7	—	—
	—less than 2 millimetres (ECSC) ...	6	—	—
	Sheets and plates of iron or steel, zinc coated of a thickness of			
	—3 millimetres or more (ECSC) ...	—	—	—
	—other (ECSC)	—	—	—
Sheets of iron or steel, coated with tin, of a width exceeding 500 millimetres but not more than 966 millimetres, of a thickness of not less than 0.12 millimetre and not more than 0.5 millimetre, and of a length of not more than 1016 millimetres (ECSC)	7	—	—	
Sheets of iron or steel, in coil form, coated with tin, of a width exceeding 500 millimetres but not more than 966 millimetres and of a thickness of not less than 0.12 millimetre and not more than 0.5 millimetre (ECSC)	7	—	—	
73.14	Iron or steel wire, galvanised or coated with polyvinyl chloride; of circular cross-section and having a diameter of not less than 0.3 millimetre and not more than 5.0 millimetres, containing not more than 0.2 per cent. by weight of carbon and not less than 0.1 per cent. and not more than 0.4 per cent. by weight of manganese; having a tensile strength not greater than 55 kg/mm ²	8	2.4	3.6
	Iron or steel wire of circular cross-section, in coils and of which the diameter if not less than 0.8 millimetre and not more than 13 millimetres; containing not less than 0.05 per cent. and not more than 0.25 per cent. by weight of carbon, not less than 0.20 per cent. and not more than 1.7 per cent. by weight of manganese, not more than 0.07 per cent. by weight of phosphorus, not more than 0.2 per cent. by weight of silicon and not more than 0.07 per cent. by weight of sulphur; having a tensile strength not greater than 600 newtons per square millimetre.	8	2.4	3.6
73.15	Alloy steel bars, containing not less than 0.40 per cent. and not more than 0.70 per cent. by weight of nickel; not less than 0.40 per cent. and not more than 0.60 per cent. by weight of chromium; not less than 0.20 per cent. and not more than 0.30 per cent. by weight of molybdenum as the major alloying elements; being not less than 76			

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		Full (3)	Cyprus (4)	Egypt (5)
73.15 (Contd.)	millimetres and not more than 215 millimetres in diameter and not less than 5 metres and not more than 8 metres in length			
	—not further worked than forged ...	7	2.1	3.1
	—not further worked than hot rolled or extruded (ECSC)	6	—	—
	—not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished	—	£0.9920 per tonne or 1.4% whichever is the greater +0.9%	£1.4881 per tonne or 2.1% whichever is the greater +1.4%
	Alloy steel bars, containing not less than 0.90 per cent. and not more than 1.20 per cent. by weight of nickel; not less than 0.30 per cent. and not more than 0.60 per cent. by weight of chromium; not less than 0.20 per cent. and not more than 0.30 per cent. by weight of molybdenum as the major alloying elements; being not less than 76 millimetres and not more than 215 millimetres in diameter and not less than 5 metres and not more than 8 metres in length			
	—not further worked than forged ...	7	2.1	3.1
	—not further worked than hot rolled or extruded (ECSC)	6	—	—
	—not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished	—	£0.9920 per tonne or 1.4% whichever is the greater +0.9%	£1.4881 per tonne or 2.1% whichever is the greater +1.4%
	Alloy steel bars, containing not less than 0.90 per cent. and not more than 1.20 per cent. by weight of carbon; not less than 1.30 per cent. and not more than 1.60 per cent. by weight of chromium as the major alloying elements; being not less than 76 millimetres and not more than 215 millimetres in diameter and not less than 5 metres and not more than 8 metres in length			
	—not further worked than forged ...	7	2.1	3.1
	—not further worked than hot rolled or extruded (ECSC)	6	—	—
	—not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished	—	£0.9920 per tonne or 1.4% whichever is the greater +0.9%	£1.4881 per tonne or 2.1% whichever is the greater +1.4%
	Alloy steel billets containing not less than 0.3 per cent. and not more than 1.7 per cent. by weight of manganese and containing one or more of the following elements, by weight, in the proportions indicated:—			

Tariff Heading (1)	Description (2)	Rates of duty %		
		Full (3)	Cyprus (4)	Egypt (5)
73.15 (Contd.)	Not less than (per cent.) Not more than (per cent.)			
	Chromium 0.3 5.0			
	Nickel 0.4 5.0			
	Molybdenum 0.2 2.5			
	and having a cross-section of which neither the width nor the thickness is less than 50 millimetres nor more than 250 millimetres			
	—forged 	5	1.5	2.2
	—other than forged (ECSC)	4	—	—
	Alloy steel billets, containing not less than 0.50 per cent. nor more than 0.60 per cent. by weight of carbon, not less than 0.70 per cent. nor more than 1.00 per cent. by weight of manganese and not less than 1.50 per cent. nor more than 2.00 per cent. by weight of silicon as the alloying elements; having a cross-section of which neither width nor thickness is less than 55 millimetres nor more than 80 millimetres			
	—forged 	5	1.5	2.2
	—other than forged (ECSC)	4	—	—
	Alloy steel coils for re-rolling, which contain not less than 14 per cent. nor more than 18 per cent. by weight of chromium as the major alloying element, and not more than 0.5 per cent. by weight of nickel, and having a width exceeding 500 millimetres but not more than 1,372 millimetres, and a thickness of not less than 3 millimetres nor more than 6 millimetres (ECSC)	6	—	—
	Alloy steel coils for re-rolling, containing not less than 16.0 per cent. nor more than 26.0 per cent. by weight of chromium, and not less than 6.0 per cent. nor more than 22.0 per cent. by weight of nickel as the major alloying elements, and having a width exceeding 500 millimetres but not more than 1,372 millimetres, and a thickness of not less than 2.5 millimetres nor more than 6 millimetres (ECSC) (up to and including 31st October 1974).	6	—	—
	Bars and rods of alloy steel, not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded and in coils, having a circular, square or hexagonal cross-section of which no cross-sectional dimension exceeds 46 millimetres and containing either (a) not less than 0.10 per cent. lead; or (b) not less than 0.10 per cent. sulphur as the major alloying element other than carbon			
	—wire rod (ECSC) 	7	—	—
	—other (ECSC) 	6	—	—
Bars and rods of alloy steel, not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded and in straight lengths, having a circular, square or hexagonal cross-section of which no cross-sectional dimension exceeds 156 millimetres and containing either (a) not				

Tariff Heading (1)	Description (2)	Rates of duty %		
		Full (3)	Cyprus (4)	Egypt (5)
73.15 (Contd.)	less than 0.10 per cent. lead; or (b) not less than 0.10 per cent. sulphur as the major alloying element other than carbon			
	—wire rod (ECSC)	7	—	—
	—other (ECSC)	6	—	—
	Bars and rods of high carbon steel, in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, of circular cross-section and having a diameter of not less than 13 millimetres and not more than 28.5 millimetres (ECSC)	6	—	—
	Hot-rolled alloy steel strip in coils, containing not less than 14 per cent. by weight nor more than 18 per cent. by weight of chromium as the major alloying element, and not more than 0.5 per cent. by weight of nickel, of a width of not less than 400 millimetres nor more than 500 millimetres and of a thickness of not less than 3 millimetres nor more than 6 millimetres (ECSC)	7	—	—
	Hot rolled alloy steel strip in coils, containing not less than 16.0 per cent. nor more than 26.0 per cent. by weight of chromium, and not less than 6.0 per cent. nor more than 22.0 per cent. by weight of nickel as the major alloying elements, and not less than 0.5 per cent. nor more than 2.0 per cent. by weight of manganese; of a width of not less than 400 millimetres nor more than 500 millimetres and of a thickness of not less than 3 millimetres nor more than 6 millimetres (ECSC) (up to and including 31st October 1974).	7	—	—
	Steel sheets, rectangular or in coils, being steel containing not less than 2 per cent. nor more than 3.5 per cent. by weight of silicon as the major alloying element; with a manganese content exceeding 0.1 per cent. and an aluminium content exceeding 0.01 per cent., whether or not coated and of a width not exceeding 1,250 millimetres and a thickness not exceeding 1.6 millimetres (ECSC).	7	—	—
Wire rod, of high carbon steel and of round section (ECSC).	7	—	—	
73.18	Longitudinally welded steel tubes of circular cross-section and in lengths of not less than 1.5 metres and not more than 8 metres having an outside diameter of not less than 47.98 millimetres and not more than 50 millimetres; with a wall thickness of not less than 3.5 millimetres and not more than 5 millimetres; containing not more than 0.06 per cent. sulphur and not more than 0.06 per cent. phosphorus; having a tensile strength of not less than 34 Kgf/mm ² and not more than 48 Kgf/mm ² and a minimum yield stress of 21.3 Kgf/mm ² .	10	3	4.5
85.21	Containers for semiconductor devices, conforming to SOT 48 outline, consisting of	9	2.7	4

Tariff Heading (1)	Description (2)	Rates of duty %		
		Full (3)	Cyprus (4)	Egypt (5)
85.21 (<i>Cond.</i>)	nickel or nickel alloy lead frames nominally 1 inch square with discs of beryllia brazed to the centre thereof, with or without copper studs brazed thereto, the whole or part being gold plated.			
	Headers for semiconductor devices, conforming to TO 60 outline, consisting of screwed copper studs with beryllia pad brazed to the centre thereof and with three nickel pins projecting from the pad. Overall diameter 0.470 inch. Overall length 0.802 inch. The whole or part being gold plated. Separate caps for the above specified headers consisting of nickel eyelets with alumina filling bearing three hollow nickel posts. Overall diameter of the caps not exceeding 0.434 inch.	9	2.7	4
	Headers for semiconductor devices, conforming to TO3 outline, consisting of mild steel base plates, with overall length of 1.531 inches and overall width of 1 inch, with or without copper, or nickel plated copper stud or insert. Each plate containing two or more lead/wire attachments hermetically sealed and isolated by glass from metal base plate.	9	2.7	4

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides for exemption from or reductions in import duty in the case of goods specified in the Schedule to the Order as from 1st October 1974 until 31st December 1974 or such earlier date as is there specified in relation to particular goods.

There is exemption from import duties in the case of all goods in the Schedule if the goods satisfy the requisite conditions to benefit from the eventual abolition of customs duties in trade between Member States of the European Communities.

In the case of other goods, where a rate of duty is specified in column 3 of the Schedule, duty is reduced to that rate instead of any higher rate which would otherwise apply.

If the goods originate in Cyprus or Egypt greater reductions in duty are available than those referred to above, such reductions being shown in column 4 (Cyprus) and column 5 (Egypt) of the Schedule.

Except for goods whose description in the Schedule is followed by the letters "ECSC" there is exemption from import duties in the case of goods specified in the Schedule originating in Morocco, Tunisia or Turkey.

The Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 12) Order 1974 is amended by the reduction of duty in respect of goods under heading 38.19 (products containing more than 99.9% silicon).

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