

IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES (N.Z.) LIMITED, METAL SLIDE FASTENER  
FACTORY EMPLOYEES—INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT

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THIS industrial agreement made in pursuance of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954 and its amendments, this 29th day of June 1956 between the New Zealand Engineering, Coachbuilding, Aircraft and Related Trades Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter referred to as "the union"), of the one part, and Imperial Chemical Industries (N.Z.) Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the employers"), of the other part, whereby it is mutually agreed by and between the said parties hereto as follows, that is to say—

1. That the terms, conditions, stipulations, and provisions contained and set out in the schedule hereto shall be binding upon the said parties, and they shall be deemed to be and are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this agreement.

2. The said parties hereto shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this agreement and by the said terms, conditions, stipulations, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this agreement or of the said terms, conditions, stipulations, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same.

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SCHEDULE

*Scope of Agreement*

1. This agreement shall apply to the workers employed by the Imperial Chemical Industries (New Zealand) Limited, Metal Slide Fasteners Section, Vivian Street, Wellington, engaged in the manufacture of slide fasteners.

*Hours of Work*

2. (a) Forty hours shall constitute an ordinary week's work, of which not more than eight hours may be worked on each day from Monday to Friday inclusive, and between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The time of starting and ceasing work between these hours shall be mutually arranged, with a break of not more than one hour for lunch.

(b) No worker shall be required to work more than four and a quarter hours continuously without an interval of at least three-quarters of an hour for a meal.

*Shifts*

3. Shifts may be worked as required by the employer between 7 a.m. Monday and midnight Friday. Eight hours daily shall constitute an ordinary shift. Workers employed on less than four shifts in a week shall be paid at overtime rates for hours worked outside those prescribed in clause 2 hereof. Any worker required to work four or more consecutive shifts shall be paid 3s. 6d. per shift extra.

*Overtime*

4. (a) All time worked in excess of the hours prescribed in clause 2 hereof shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours and double time thereafter. All time worked by shift-workers outside their ordinary shift shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours and double time thereafter.

Overtime shall be calculated on a daily basis.

(b) Unless by agreement with union, no junior shall be required to work overtime more than three nights per week, and no worker shall be permitted to work overtime or on shift unless another adult person is present in the factory.

#### Holidays

5. (a) The following shall be the recognised holidays: New Year's Day, and the day following, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Queen's Birthday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and Anniversary Day. The provisions of the Public Holidays Act 1910, and its amendments, which deal with the observance of and the payment for holidays which fall on Saturdays and Sundays, shall apply to the holidays specified in this agreement.

(b) All workers who have been employed in the factory any time during the fortnight ending on the day on which any of the above-mentioned holidays occur shall be paid therefor.

(c) No payment over and above the ordinary week's wages shall be made to any worker for a holiday which falls on what is not ordinarily a working-day, except for work actually performed on such day.

(d) Any worker employed on any of the aforesaid holidays or on a Sunday shall be paid double time rates therefor, such wage to be in addition to the ordinary weekly wage.

(e) Notice of closing down for Christmas holidays shall be posted in a conspicuous place for at least seven days before the holidays.

#### Annual Holidays

6. The provisions of the Annual Holidays Act 1944, shall apply to all workers covered by this agreement.

		Wages		Per Hour	
				s.	d.
7. (a)	Toolmakers	.....	.....	5	9
	Tradesmen fitters, turners	.....	.....	5	7
	Tool-setters	.....	.....	5	5
	All other adult male workers	.....	.....	4	8
	Adult female workers	.....	.....	£6	6 0 p. week

(b) Youths may be employed at not less than the following rates of wages weekly:

		Per Week	
		£	s. d.
Up to 17½ years of age	.....	3	18 0
17½ years to 18 years of age	.....	4	6 6
18 years to 18½ years of age	.....	4	14 6
18½ years to 19 years of age	.....	5	2 6
19 years to 19½ years of age	.....	5	17 6
19½ years to 20 years of age	.....	6	13 0

Thereafter the adult rate herein prescribed for the work he is called upon to perform.

(c) Female workers may be employed at not less than the following rates of wages weekly:

		Per Week	
		£	s. d.
Up to 17 years of age	.....	3	7 0
17 years to 17½ years of age	.....	3	15 0
17½ years to 18 years of age	.....	4	2 6
18 years to 18½ years of age	.....	4	12 6
18½ years to 21 years of age	.....	5	5 6
Thereafter	.....	6	6 0

(d) To all female workers covered by the agreement who have completed three or more years continuous service there shall be added a proficiency allowance of 3d. per hour for each hour worked during each week.

#### *Special Payments*

8. (a) Men in charge of four or more workers shall be paid 12s. 8d. per week extra.

(b) Females packaging and counting fasteners shall receive 15s. 3d. per week extra.

(c) Females engaged on fastener or slides salvage shall receive 10s. 4d. per week extra.

(d) Females in charge of four or more workers shall be paid 9s. 9d. per week extra.

(e) The employer shall allow meal-money at the rate of 3s. 9d. per meal when workers are called upon to work overtime.

#### *Deductions from Wages*

9. The employer shall not be entitled to make deductions from the weekly wages of workers except for time lost through sickness, accident, default, or absence with consent of employer.

#### *Piecework*

10. Work may be done by piece-work or on the premium bonus system, but in either case at such rates that shall secure to a competent worker at least 10 per cent more than the minimum rate provided in this agreement: Provided that if any workers employed under any system of payment by results are dissatisfied with the rate fixed by the employer they may refer the dispute to a committee as provided in clause 15 of this agreement. On the introduction of any system of payment by results after the coming into operation of this agreement the employer shall give written notice to the secretary of the union within seven days.

#### *General Provisions*

11. (a) It shall be the duty of the employer to provide lockers or other suitable accommodation wherein employees may keep their clothes; good ventilation; proper sanitary arrangements; also a sufficient supply of boiling water at meal times and for washing at knocking off times.

(b) An employer shall provide reasonable facilities for supplying warmth for employees in the factory in cold weather.

(c) In the cases where artificial light is required, electric light shall be provided.

(d) Gloves shall be provided by the employer wherever necessary.

(e) In places where the workers stand at machines or places where there is a concrete floor, "duck-boards" or "matting" or other suitable floor covering shall be provided.

(f) There shall be suitable emergency exits and suitable emergency fire-fighting appliances easily accessible to the employees.

(g) In cases where a worker is obliged to work in dust or in fumes, goggles and respirators shall be provided.

(h) The employer shall provide all tools required.

(i) There shall be a lunch-room for male and female employees, which shall be provided with tables and seating accommodation.

(j) A rest period of ten minutes shall be allowed and paid for during every morning and afternoon for all workers.

(k) Female workers shall not be employed on night shift.

(l) Overalls and/or caps shall be provided for female and male workers where the union and the employer agree they are necessary.

(m) Work seats shall be supplied for female workers where it is possible to use them.

#### *Terms of Employment*

12. (a) All wages shall be paid weekly not later than Thursday, and within the employer's time.

(b) Except in the case of hourly workers, one week's notice of the termination of employment shall be given by either party. This shall not prevent an employer from summarily dismissing a worker for misconduct and/or gross negligence. Where the employment is terminated by either party, without notice and without good cause, one week's wage shall be paid or forfeited in lieu of notice.

(c) When a worker is dismissed, wages shall be paid before leaving the employment.

(d) When a worker leaves of his or her own accord, wages shall, on application, be paid immediately.

#### *Part Time Workers*

13. (a) When the employer does not regularly require the services of a worker for the full period of forty hours per week, he shall pay such workers *pro-rata* the appropriate rate of wage plus 10% of such rate.

(b) Where a worker is unable to accept full time employment, the employer shall pay *pro-rata*, the appropriate rate of wage.

(c) These provisions shall not be used for the purposes of reducing the hours of work or the earnings of any worker.

#### *First-aid Outfit*

14. First-aid outfit, in accordance with the requirements of the Inspector of Factories, shall be kept in the factory and be accessible in case of accidents, and shall be open to inspection by union officials.

#### *Access to Workshops*

15. The secretary or other authorised representative of the union shall, with the consent of the employer (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), be entitled to enter at all reasonable times upon the premises or works and there interview any workers, but not so as to interfere unreasonably with the employer's business.

#### *Disputes*

16. The essence of this agreement being that the work of the employer shall not on any account whatsoever be impeded but shall always proceed as if no dispute had arisen, it is provided that if any dispute or difference which is not covered by this agreement shall arise between the parties bound by this agreement, then every such dispute or difference shall be referred to a committee to be composed of two representatives of each side. If agreement cannot be reached, an independent chairman shall be mutually agreed upon, but, in the event of agreement on the appointment of the chairman not being reached, the chairman shall be appointed by the Conciliation Commissioner. Either side shall have the right of appeal to the Court of Arbitration against a decision of any such committee upon giving to the other side written notice of such appeal within fourteen days after such decision has been made known to the party desirous of appealing.

#### *Workers to be Members of Union*

17. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of sections 174 and 175 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act 1954, it shall not be lawful for any employer bound by this agreement to employ or to continue to employ in

any position or employment subject to this agreement any adult person who is not for the time being a member of an industrial union of workers bound by this agreement.

(b) For the purposes of subclause (a) of this clause a person of the age of eighteen years or upwards, and every other person who for the time being is in receipt of not less than the minimum rate of wages prescribed by this agreement for workers of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, shall be deemed to be an adult.

(c) Every person who, being obliged to become a member of any union by the operation of the foregoing provisions, fails to become a member of that union when requested so to do by his employer or any officer or representative of the union, commits a breach of this agreement, and shall be liable accordingly.

(NOTE.—Attention is drawn to subsection 3 of section 174 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act 1954, which gives to workers the right to join the Union.)

#### *Increase in Rates of Remuneration*

18. The rates of remuneration determined by this agreement (excepting rate prescribed in clause 7 (d) hereof) shall be increased to the extent and in the manner prescribed by the General Order of the Court made under the Economic Stabilisation Regulations 1953, and dated 28th October, 1954.

(EXPLANATORY NOTE.—The General Order of the 28th October 1954, increased rates of remuneration determined by awards and industrial agreements by an amount equal to 13 per cent thereof, but excluded from the scope of the increase—

1. Such portion of the remuneration of each worker in each week as exceeded the amount of £12 in the case of adult male workers, the amount of £9 in the case of adult female workers, and the amount of £7 in the case of male and female workers under the age of 21 years; and
2. All allowances in respect of tools, bicycles, motor vehicles, protective or special clothing, or special footwear.

The term "remuneration" means salary or wages; and includes time and piece wages and overtime and bonus and other special payments; and also includes allowances, fees, commissions, and any other emolument, whether in one sum or several sums; and also includes travelling expenses.)

#### *Term of Agreement*

19. This agreement, in so far as the provisions relating to the rates of wages to be paid are concerned, shall be deemed to have come into force on the 31st day of March 1956, and so far as all other provisions of the agreement are concerned it shall come into force on the day of the date hereof; and this agreement shall continue in force until the 31st day of March 1957.

Signed for and on behalf of Imperial Chemical Industries (New Zealand) Limited. The common seal of Imperial Chemical Industries (N.Z.) Ltd. was hereunto affixed in the presence of—

[L.S.]

A. GORDON ROBB, Managing Director.  
P. A. E. HAMPTON, Secretary.

Signed for and on behalf of the New Zealand Engineering, Coachbuilding, Aircraft and Related Trades Industrial Union of Workers—

[L.S.]

J. NEALE, National Secretary.