

Minister's Decisions under Customs Acts.

Customs Department, Wellington, 2nd September, 1940.

It is 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.
58-4/360/4	Anæsthetics, viz. :—			
58-4/360/29	" Benzocaine " (Frederick Stearns & Co. Ltd.)	100
	" Burkwood " anæsthetic (Burkwood Chemical Co. Inc., U.S.A.)	100
58-4/294/36	Antiseptics, viz. :— Parachlormetaxylenol	100
†58-5/112	A. and m.s., viz. :— Apparel, articles and materials for the manufacture of, viz.,— Shoulder pads of such descriptions as the Minister may approve for use by tailors in the manufacture of suits (NOTE.—Cancels decisions in M.O. 32 respecting "Shoulder pads of felt stitched to a backing of light canvas, for use by tailors in the manufacture of suits," and in M.O. 36 respecting "Shoulder pads of textile, in the form of a 'pocket' with interior pleating, for use by tailors in the manufacture of suits.")	448	Free	Free.
58-3/340/2	Brazing rods, cast, of coper alloy, in diameters not exceeding $\frac{1}{8}$ in.	448	Free	Free.
58-4/139/13	Chemicals, &c., used in manufactures, viz.,— Salts and other chemicals, &c., declared for use in electroplating, &c., viz.— Chrome Conducting Salts (Canning's)	448	Free	Free.
58-7/177	Saponine (or Saponin) on declaration by a manufacturer that it will be used by him only in the manufacture of such articles and preparations as may be approved by the Minister	448	Free	Free.
58-9/5/25	Tanning extracts, tanners' bates, and other chemical substances, &c., viz.— Solene "B," Gargoyle	448	Free	Free.
58-7/146/24	Weaving, dyeing, and cleaning of textiles, materials used in connection with, viz.— "Spotproof No. 305," a water repellent and finishing agent for the treatment of silk in the manufacture of hosiery	448	Free	Free.
58-3/813	Shafts, steel, in the rough, for the manufacture of badminton and similar racquets, on declaration by a manufacturer (a) that the shafts will be used by him only in the manufacture of badminton and similar racquets, and (b) that in the manufacture of such racquets the frames therefor will be fabricated in New Zealand from wood which will not be imported in a more advanced state than that of strips of timber not worked or bent to shape in any way	448	Free	20 per cent.
†58-8/8/9	Textile piece-goods, viz.,— Beige cloth of wool and cotton the invoice price of which does not exceed 2s. 1d. per square yard, on declaration by a manufacturer that it will be used solely by him as linings in the manufacture of underwear (NOTE.—Revises decision on page 41 of the Tariff-book.)	448	Free	10 per cent.
58-20/10/13	Uniforms and regalia, trimmings, &c., for, viz.,— Chevron braid for the manufacture of military chevrons	448	Free	Free.
58-20/101/21	Educational apparatus, appliances, articles and materials, viz. :— Intelligence test sheets, consisting of "Minnesota" paper form board tests, "Stenquist" mechanical aptitude tests, "Terman" group tests of mental ability and test record sheets	416	Free	25 per cent.
58-20/101/34	Morse cards, "Vick" and similar, for teaching the Morse telegraphic code	416	Free	25 per cent.
58-20/197/2	Firearms and fittings therefor, viz. :— Pull-throughs for .22 and .303 calibre rifles, whether or not imported as spares or replacements	321 (2)
†58-12/5/46	Electrical machinery, appliances, and materials, viz. :— Surgery, electrical appliances peculiar to, viz.,— X-ray apparatus, viz.— X-ray tubes of the hot cathode type, including shields or shockproof casings, flexible high-voltage shockproof cables, and shockproof cable hangers or supports; the foregoing even if imported separately from the tubes; also the following accessories when imported with the tubes, as standard equipment therefor, viz., protective relays with exposure counting mechanism, and tube-filament switches (with or without signal lamps) (NOTE.—Cancels undermentioned decisions on page 157 of Tariff-book :— "Switches, with or without signal lamps, imported with and forming part of the equipment of double focus hot cathode type X-ray tubes." " Tubes of the hot cathode type.") (NOTE.—Cancels undermentioned decision in M.O. 20 :— " 'Tuto' X-ray tube shields (Siemens-Reiniger-Werke A. G., Berlin).")	338 (4)	Free	Free.*

* Under Section 11, Customs Amendment Act, 1927.