

Tariff and Development Board Notice No. 141—Inquiry into Import Duties and Import Licensing Affecting Insulated (Including Enamelled or Anodised) Electric Wire, Cable, Bars, Strip and the Like (Including Co-axial Cable), Whether or Not Fitted with Connectors (Tariff Heading 85.23)

1. In accordance with the provisions of the Tariff and Development Board Act 1961, the Minister of Customs has referred to the Board, for inquiry and report, the question of the appropriateness of *all* the subheadings and rates of duty under Tariff heading 85.23. The Minister has also asked the Board to include in its inquiry import licensing as affecting these goods.

2. Following receipt of a report from the Emergency Protection Authority, the Government has accepted the recommendation of the Authority that urgent action is necessary in relation to those goods falling under Tariff heading 85.23 which are enumerated in the Schedule to this notice and has taken the temporary measures described in the Schedule pending inquiry and report by the Board on all the goods of 85.23.

3. The Board will, in accordance with its normal procedures, conduct a public inquiry in the Boardroom, First Floor, Law Society Building, 26 Waring Taylor Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 24 February 1970, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

4. Any person who intends to tender evidence should lodge 12 copies of a typewritten statement of the evidence, to be presented under oath at the public inquiry, with the under-named no later than Tuesday, 3 February 1970. In preparing this evidence the "Notes for Guidance of Witnesses", prepared by the Board, may be of assistance. Copies of these notes may be obtained from the under-named.

Dated at Wellington this 4th day of November 1969.

O. A. BLACK,
Secretary, Tariff and Development Board.

P.O. Box 5070, Wellington.

SCHEDULE

THE following cables classified in Tariff items 85.23.01 and 85.23.03, when having a capacity of less than 11,000 volts:

Tariff Item	Description
Ex 85.23.01	Paper insulated lead sheathed cable steel wire or steel tape armoured and served PVC insulated PVC bedded steel wire armoured cable with or without PVC jacket Paper insulated aluminium sheathed cable steel wire or steel tape armoured and served Cross-linked polyethylene insulated single core or multicore armoured cable with or without sheathing
Ex 85.23.03	Paper insulated lead sheathed cable with or without serving Varnished cambric insulated lead sheathed and served cable Cross-linked polyethylene insulated single core or multicore unarmoured lead sheathed cable

Temporary measures taken:

Temporary additional duty of 15 percent *ad valorem* applied to the above goods by "determination" under the new items 85.23.21 and 85.23.24, as follows:

Number	Description	Rates of Duty		
		BP	MFN	GEN
85.23	Insulated (including enamelled or anodised) electric wire, cable, bars, strip and the like (including co-axial cable), whether or not fitted with connectors: Wire and cable: Armoured:			
85.23.21	As may be determined by the Minister	15%*	35%*	40%*
85.23.22	Other	Free	20%	25%
	Lead-sheathed:			
85.23.24	As may be determined by the Minister	15%*	35%*	40%*
85.23.25	Other	Free	20%	25%

*Or such lower rate of duty as the Minister may in any case direct.

Terms of reference to the Board:

To examine the appropriateness of *all* the subheadings and rates of duty in respect of insulated wire and cable classified under Tariff heading 85.23; and, in particular, whether the "approval" system would be more appropriate to the amendments to Tariff items 85.23.01 and 85.23.03. In addition, to consider the question of import licensing as affecting these goods.

Ministry of Works—Schedule of Civil Engineering, Building, and Housing Contracts of \$20,000 or More in Value

Name of Works	Successful Tenderer	Amount of Tender Accepted
<i>Civil Engineering—</i>		
Palmerston North area: sealing various lengths of State highways: 1969–70 season	D. Higgins and Son Ltd.	\$ 62,450.29
<i>Housing—</i>		
Contract No. 12/1153: three single units at Hoon Hay	J. J. Construction Co. Ltd.	21,169.00
Contract No. 22/445: two single units and 19 multi units at Hamilton	F. J. Callaghan Ltd.	149,318.00
Contract No. 36/382: three single units at Napier	R. H. Cullen	22,200.00
Contract No. 139/22/66: three single units at Matamata	A. A. Trower Ltd.	24,985.00
Contract No. 208/742: 10 single units at Porirua	Peter Van Dam Ltd.	81,679.05
Contract No. 208/743: four single units at Porirua	Voss Constructions Ltd.	38,247.00
Contract No. 282/144: six single units at Mangere	J. W. Maddren and Son Ltd.	47,250.00
Contract No. 282/155: four single units and two multi units at Mangere	C. N. Dick and Son	43,275.00
Contract No. 282/156: seven single units at Mangere	Greenwood and Hayes Ltd.	50,105.00
Contract No. 282/157: four single units at Mangere	H. Law	30,942.78
Contract No. 282/158: seven single units at Mangere	J. W. Jenkin Construction Ltd.	53,228.00

F. R. ASKIN, Commissioner of Works.