

Tariff and Development Board Notice No. 335—Inquiry Concerning Protection Affecting the New Zealand Industry Producing Wines and Certain Other Fermented and Spirituous Beverages of Tariff Chapter 22, Including Medicated Wines of Tariff Heading 30.03 and Rectified Spirits for Fortifying New Zealand Wines of Tariff Item 22.08.002

1. Following receipt by the Minister of Customs of a report from the Emergency Protection Authority, the Government accepted the recommendation of the Authority that, in respect of all the rates of duty then in force (1 September 1972), temporary additional duties of \$1.00 per gallon be imposed on the wines of Tariff items 22.05.011, 22.05.031, 22.05.039, 22.06.019; \$1.20 per gallon on the wines of Tariff items 22.05.021, 22.05.029, 22.06.011; and \$0.85 per gallon on vermouths of Tariff item 22.06.001. The temporary additional duties, as recommended by the Authority, were imposed with effect from 13 October 1972. In accordance with the provisions of the Tariff and Development Board Act, the Minister of Customs has asked the Board to undertake an inquiry and report on what permanent form of protection, if any, it considers necessary to protect the New Zealand industry in relation to the importation of wine classified in Tariff items 22.05.011, 22.05.021, 22.05.029, 22.05.031, 22.05.039, 22.06.001, 22.06.011, 22.06.019.

2. Subsequent to the receipt of the above reference the Board wrote to the Ministers of Customs and Overseas Trade seeking wider terms of reference to include the wines and other beverages which were the subject of Tariff and Development Board report No. 143 of 1 February 1971. Report No. 143 dealt with the Board's inquiry on the question of eliminating the margins by which the rates of duty applicable to certain wines etc. of Australian origin exceeded the rates of duty applicable to the same wines imported from other countries. Briefly, the Board recommended, and Government agreed, that the question of eliminating the margins on the goods under inquiry should be deferred pending a full tariff and import licensing inquiry into all the wine items of Tariff Chapter 22.

3. The Minister of Customs has now advised the Board that the terms of reference have been widened to include the wines etc. of Tariff items 22.04.000, 22.05.001, 22.05.049, 22.06.029, 22.07.001, 22.07.011, 22.07.012, 22.07.019, 22.07.029, 22.08.002, 22.09.001, 22.09.021, 22.09.022, 22.09.031, 22.09.032, 22.09.041, 22.09.042, 30.03.001, 30.03.002, and 30.03.009. In addition, and arising from the recommendation in report No. 143, the Minister has asked the Board to include in the current inquiry the question of the elimination of margins unfavourable to Australia on the Tariff items affected.

4. In terms of the above reference the Board will, in accordance with its normal procedures, conduct a public hearing for the purpose of taking evidence commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 6 August 1973, in the Hearing Room, Eighth Floor, Cumberland House, Upper Willis Street, Wellington. Full details of the goods included in the inquiry are set out in the Schedule to this notice.

5. Parties intending to make representations or requests about appropriate rates of customs duty are asked to take into account the statement by the Minister of Overseas Trade of 6 September 1972 about changes in New Zealand Customs Tariff. Copies of this statement can be obtained from the undersigned. Parties intending to make representations or requests about the exemption from import licensing of goods at present not so exempt are asked to take into account the statement in the 1972 Financial Statement (page 19) that "the Government has also decided that where the industry is to be exempted from import licensing there should be provision in appropriate cases for a phase-out period which in general will be for up to three years."

6. Any person who intends to tender evidence should lodge, in typewritten form, 14 copies of public evidence and 12 copies of confidential evidence, to be presented under oath at the public hearing at the Board's office no later than Friday, 13 July 1973. In preparing this evidence the "Notes for Information and Guidance of Interested Parties" prepared by the Board may be of assistance. Copies of these notes may be obtained from the Board's office.

Dated at Wellington this 20th day of February 1973.

C. H. S. RODDEN, Secretary, Tariff and Development Board.

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SCHEDULE

Number	Description	Rates of Duty		
		BP	MFN	GEN
22.04.000	Grape must, in fermentation or with fermentation arrested otherwise than by the addition of alcohol	22½%	..	22½%
22.05	Wine of fresh grapes; grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol:			
22.05.001	Champagne containing not more than 40% of proof spirit per gal	..	\$1.50	..
†22.05.011	Other sparkling wine containing not more than 40% of proof spirit per gal	\$2.50	\$2.95 SA \$2.42	\$3.25
	Wine (except sparkling wine) and grape must, containing not more than 25% of proof spirit:			
†22.05.021	In bottles per gal	\$2.10 Aul \$2.32	\$2.40 SA \$2.32	\$2.60
†22.05.029	Otherwise packed per gal	\$2.10 Aul \$2.32	\$2.40 SA \$2.32	\$2.60
	Wine (except sparkling wine) and grape must, containing more than 25% but not more than 40% of proof spirit:			
†22.05.031	In bottles per gal	\$2.10 Aul \$2.32	\$2.40 SA \$2.32	\$2.60
†22.05.039	Otherwise packed per gal	\$2.10 Aul \$2.32	\$2.40 SA \$2.32	\$2.60
22.05.049	Wine and grape must containing more than 40% of proof spirit per gal	\$6.00	..	\$6.30
22.06	Vermouths, and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with aromatic extracts:			
†22.06.001	Vermouths containing not more than 40% of proof spirit per gal	\$1.45 Aul \$1.67	\$1.75 SA \$1.67	\$1.75
	Wines of fresh grapes (except vermouths) flavoured with aromatic extracts:			
†22.06.011	Containing not more than 25% of proof spirit per gal	\$2.10 Aul \$2.32	\$2.40 SA \$2.32	\$2.60
†22.06.019	Containing more than 25% but not more than 40% of proof spirit per gal	\$2.10 Aul \$2.32	\$2.40 SA \$2.32	\$2.60
22.06.029	Vermouths, and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with aromatic extracts, containing more than 40% of proof spirit per gal	\$6.00	..	\$6.30
22.07	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry and mead):			
22.07.001	Cider and perry containing not more than 15% of proof spirit per gal	65c	..	85c
	Other kinds:			
†22.07.011	Containing not more than 40% of proof spirit:			
	Sparkling per gal	\$1.50	\$1.95 SA \$1.42	\$2.25
	Other than sparkling:			
†22.07.012	Containing not more than 25% of proof spirit per gal	90c Aul \$1.12	\$1.20 SA \$1.12	\$1.40
†22.07.019	Containing more than 25% of proof spirit per gal	\$1.10 Aul \$1.32	\$1.40 SA \$1.32	\$1.60
22.07.029	Containing more than 40% of proof spirit per gal	\$6.00	..	\$6.30