

On the 13th a very active trough of low pressure was approaching from the west and there was widespread rain over the South Island. This trough produced some very heavy rainfalls as it crossed the country. This resulted in flooding in the Nelson Province and on the West Coast, and some local severe flooding in Christchurch. Many other places experienced surface flooding. On the 16th the daily rainfall at Christchurch was of an intensity to be expected less than once in 50 years. During the period 16th to 22nd as the trough moved slowly eastwards to cross the North Island there was further widespread rain over the North Island and the first significant rain at Taupo (160 mm) for several months.

By the 23rd a large anticyclone was approaching Fiordland and a small depression, on the western edge of the large trough lay just east of Hawke's Bay. Rain was widespread in eastern districts of the North Island on the 23rd and there was some rain on each

day till the 30th in this area. A low pressure area remained east of the North Island till the end of the month resulting in persistent south-easterlies over the country.

On the 26th a fast moving cold front moved northwards over the country bringing a freshening of southerly winds. These became storm force about Cook Strait on the 27th but gradually decreased on the 28th and 29th.

The disturbed weather pattern which had characterised the month ended on the 30th with an anticyclone to the south-east of the South Island extending a ridge of high pressure across the country in the direction of Norfolk Island.

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### TARIFF DECISION LIST No. 178

Decisions of the Minister of Customs Under the Customs Tariff (Subject to Amendment or Cancellation by Notification in the Gazette)  
APPROVALS

Tariff Item No.	Goods	Rates of Duty			Part II Ref.	List No.	Effective	
		B.P.	MFN.	Gen.			From	To*
39.01.012	Phenoplast and aminoplast moulding compounds ..	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.01.012	Silicones .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.01.012	P.V.C. polymer and copolymer .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.012	Compounds made from chlorinated P.V.C. .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.012	P.V.C. compounds containing magnetic materials, when declared:	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
	(a) by a manufacturer for use by him only in making extrusions which are capable of being magnetised; or							
	(b) by an importer that they will be sold by him to manufacturers for use in making extrusions which are capable of being magnetised							
39.02.012	P.V.C. compounds for approved purposes, when declared:	Free	Free	Free	..			
	(a) by a manufacturer for use by him for; or							
	(b) by an importer that they will be sold by him only to manufacturers for:							
	Approved purposes:							
	(1) making gramophone records .. .. .					178	31/5/74	30/9/79
	(2) making footwear .. .. .					178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.022	Silicones .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.022	Chlorinated polyisoprene .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.022	Ethyl-vinyl acetate copolymers .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.022	Hydro-carbon resins .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.022	Polypropylene .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.022	Polyterpene resins .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.022	Polyvinyl butyral .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.022	Solvent based acrylic resins .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.022	Vinyl chloride/vinylisobutyl/ether copolymer .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.028	Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) compounds .. .. .	10%	..	10%	10.8	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.032	Acrylic resins .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.032	Polyvinyl-dichloride .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79
39.02.032	Polyvinyl ethylether .. .. .	Free	Free	Free	..	178	31/5/74	30/9/79

\*Approvals lapse on the dates indicated, the goods thereafter being dutiable according to their substantive Tariff classification. If continuation of an approval is desired for a further period, formal application should be made to the Collector at least 6 weeks prior to the date of expiry.

#### DETERMINATIONS

39.05.012	Ester gums .. .. .	25%	..	35%	..	178	31/5/74	..
Deter'n			DC 25%					
39.05.017	Ester gums .. .. .	25%	..	25%	..	178	31/5/74	..
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#### MISCELLANEOUS

Decision Cancelled:

39.01.021	Alkyd resins...alkyds .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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