

In the Matter of the Family Benefits (Home Ownership) Act 1964

SPECIAL MINISTERIAL DIRECTION

To: The Social Security Commission.

I, George Frederick Gair, Her Majesty's Minister of Social Welfare, direct you pursuant to the powers vested in me by section 4 of the Family Benefits (Home Ownership) Act 1964 as follows:

1. That the Special Ministerial Direction of the Minister of Social Welfare given on 21 January 1981 relating to section 10 of the Family Benefits (Home Ownership) Act 1964 is hereby withdrawn.

2. That it is the policy of Her Majesty's Government that those of Her Majesty's subjects who have low incomes and modest means shall have priority of access to public funds available for housing.

3. That in furtherance of that policy when you are required to take into consideration, pursuant to section 10 of the Family Benefits (Home Ownership) Act 1964, the income and assets of applicants for a certificate of eligibility under that Act, or the spouse of such applicant as the case may be, you shall apply the following income and assets and needs test and, if the affairs of that applicant, or the spouse of that applicant as the case may be, fail to come within its prescription, you shall take it that that applicant, or the spouse of that applicant as the case may be, can reasonably be expected to arrange finance from another source within the terms of section 10 (1) (b) (i) of the Family Benefits (Home Ownership) Act 1964.

4. That the income assets and needs test to be applied is as follows:

- (a) "Chargeable income" means the total gross income for the period of 12 months immediately prior to the date of application divided by 52 together with the earnings of the applicant and the spouse of the applicant except the personal earnings of the wife in a family where both the husband and wife have earnings.
- (b) (i) Except for seasonal workers "earnings" means the weekly average of wages or salary and other periodic emoluments including all supplementary taxable payments paid during the period of 12 months immediately preceding the date of application or the actual weekly wage, salary or other periodic

emolument, including all supplementary taxable payments and overtime payments paid at the time of application, whichever is the greater.

(ii) For seasonal workers "earnings" means the total amount of wages salary or other periodic emoluments including all supplementary taxable payments and overtime payments paid during the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of application divided by 52.

(c) The following circumstances shall be a "special housing" need:

(i) where the present housing is inadequate and there is a need for other housing, e.g., too small for the needs of the family, derelict, etc.;

(ii) where the present housing is damp or where there is medical evidence that it is causing a health hazard;

(iii) where the family is required to vacate the property for reasons other than non-payment of rent;

(iv) where failure to purchase the property currently occupied would result in loss of the accommodation;

(v) where a State rental house, Government pool house or departmental house will be vacated by the family following the purchase of other accommodation; and

(vi) where the rental paid by the family exceeds 25 percent of the gross chargeable income of the family including overtime and allowances.

(d) (i) The limit for chargeable income for a family with one child shall be \$225 per week, increased by \$10 per week for each additional child;

(ii) where there is a special housing need the limit for chargeable income shall be increased by \$10 per week.

(e) (i) The limit for the value of assets including, where relevant, the land on which it is proposed to build the house, owned by a family with one child shall be \$10,000 increased by \$500 for each additional child.

(ii) Where there is a special housing need the limit for the value of assets owned shall be increased by \$3,000.

Given under my hand this 15th day of September 1981.
GEORGE F. GAIR, Minister of Social Welfare.

Import Control Exemption Notice (No. 12) 1981

PURSUANT to regulation 17 of the Import Control Regulations 1973*, the Minister of Trade and Industry hereby gives notice as follows:

1. (a) This notice may be cited as the Import Control Exemption Notice (No. 12) 1981.
(b) This notice shall come into force on 1 October 1981.

2. Goods of the classes specified and for the purposes of the Customs Tariff falling within the Tariff items in the First Schedule hereto, imported from and being the produce or manufacture of any country, are hereby exempted from the requirement of a licence under the said regulations.

3. The exemption from the requirement of a licence under the said regulations in respect of the goods of the classes set forth in the Second Schedule hereto, included in the exempting notice shown in the Second Schedule is hereby withdrawn.

FIRST SCHEDULE

EXEMPTIONS CREATED

Tariff Item	Classes of Goods
Ex 73.10.009.01A	Bars and rods (including wire rod), of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished, viz:
Ex 73.10.009.11J	Flat bars, hot-rolled or extruded (excluding flat bars 24 mm to less than 110 mm in width by 5 mm to less than 13 mm in thickness)
73.10.009.21F	
73.10.009.29A	Flat bars, other than hot-rolled or extruded

SECOND SCHEDULE

EXEMPTIONS WITHDRAWN

Tariff Item	Classes of Goods	Date of Exempting Notice
	Bars and rods (including wire rod), of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished, viz:	
Ex 73.10.009.01A	Flat bars, hot-rolled or extruded (excluding flat bars 24 mm to less than 110 mm in width by 5 mm to less than 13 mm in thickness)	11 March 1980 (Supplement to the Gazette of 27 March 1980)
Ex 73.10.009.11J		
73.10.009.21F		
Ex 73.10.009.29A		

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of September 1981.

L. R. ADAMS-SCHNEIDER, Minister of Trade and Industry.

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