

Finance Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 44

PART I

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

2 Hydrocarbon oils

- (1) As from six o'clock in the evening of 19th March 1968—
 - (a) section 2 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1964 (which, as amended by section 1(3) of the Finance Act 1967, provides for a duty of customs at the rate of three shillings and sevenpence a gallon to be charged on imported hydrocarbon oils and for a duty of excise at the same rate to be charged on hydrocarbon oils produced in the United Kingdom, on petrol substitutes and on spirits used for power methylated spirits) shall have effect with the substitution for the words " three shillings and sevenpence " of
 - (b) subsection (2) of section 92 of the Finance Act 1965 (which, as amended as aforesaid, provides that the amount of a grant under subsection (1) of that section by the Minister of Transport to the operator of a bus service towards defraying customs or excise duties charged on bus fuel shall not exceed tenpence for every gallon of fuel used or estimated to have been used in operating the bus service during the period to which the grant relates) and section 1(1)(b) of the Bus Fuel Grants Act 1966 (which, as amended as aforesaid, amends the said subsection (2)) shall have effect as if for any reference therein to tenpence there were substituted a reference to one shilling and twopence; and so much of subsection (9) of the said section 92 as enables the Parliament of Northern Ireland to make laws for purposes similar to the purposes of the provisions of that section shall apply to those provisions as amended by this paragraph.
- (2) Where in the case of any hydrocarbon oils which have been delivered for home use it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners—
 - (a) that since they were so delivered the oils have been deposited unused in an oil warehouse ; and

- (b) that they have been so deposited by reason of having become contaminated or by reason of their consisting of different descriptions of hydrocarbon oils which have accidentally become mixed ; and
- (c) that at the time when they were so deposited they were, or, as the case may be, were a mixture of, oils on which the appropriate duty of customs or excise had been paid and not repaid and on which drawback had not been allowed,

then, subject to any conditions which the Commissioners see fit to impose for the protection of the revenue, the Commissioners may make to the occupier of that warehouse a payment in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.

- (3) The payment aforesaid shall be a payment of an amount appearing to the Commissioners to be equal to the duty which would have been payable if—
 - (a) the oils had not become contaminated or mixed; and
 - (b) they had first been delivered for home use at the time when they were deposited in the warehouse and the duty had first become chargeable on them on that delivery.
- (4) In this section the expression " oil warehouse " means a place of security approved by the Commissioners under section 80 of the Customs and Excise Act 1952 for the deposit, keeping and securing of hydrocarbon oils, and includes a refinery.