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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

**The Import Duties (Certain Mediterranean Countries)
(Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1973**

Made - - - - - 19th December 1973
Laid before the House of Commons 28th December 1973
Coming into Operation 1st January 1974

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section 1(1) of the Finance Act 1971(a) and sections 1, 3(6) and 13 of the Import Duties Act 1958(b), as amended by section 5(5) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to, the European Communities Act 1972(c), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State(d), hereby make the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Import Duties (Certain Mediterranean Countries) (Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1974.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. Any import duty for the time being chargeable on goods of the following Mediterranean countries, namely, Algeria, Greece, Israel, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Spain or Tunisia shall be chargeable at the rate, if any, prefixed by the letter "S" shown in relation to the goods in column 3 of Schedule 1 to the Import Duties (General) (No. 8) Order 1973(f), as amended by the Import Duties (General) (No. 9) Order 1973(g) if that rate is lower than the full rate, (and where the rate so prefixed is nil no duty shall accordingly be chargeable on goods of those countries to which the rate applies).

3. The Import Duties (General) (No. 8) Order 1973 shall be amended by the addition of Malta to the countries listed in Part I of Schedule 4 thereof (being the Commonwealth preference area countries entitled to benefit from the continuance of Commonwealth preference rates lower than those applying generally to countries of that area from 1st January 1974).

Hamish Gray,
John Stradling Thomas,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

19th December 1973.

(a) 1971 c. 68.

(c) 1972 c. 68.

(e) 1889 c. 63.

(g) S.I. 1973/2169.(1973 III, p. 7572).

(b) 1958 c. 6.

(d) See S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).

(f) S.I. 1973/1845.(1973 III, p. 5601)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which comes into operation on 1st January 1974, makes temporary provisions for the tariff treatment of goods of the Mediterranean countries specified in Article 2 pending the conclusion of negotiations between these countries and the European Economic Community.

Malta is added to the list of Commonwealth preference area countries in Part I of Schedule 4 to the Import Duties (General) (No. 8) Order 1973 (which sets out the United Kingdom Customs Tariff and the import duties chargeable in accordance with it), so that the rate of duty to be applied in the case of goods of Malta qualifying for Commonwealth preference is the rate prefixed by "C2" in column 5 of Schedule 1 to the No. 8 Order, if that rate is lower than the rate prefixed by "C1". In other cases, the rate to be applied is the rate prefixed by "S" in Column 3 of Schedule 1 to the No. 8 Order (the rate charged for certain countries and territories associated with the European Economic Community), if that rate is lower than the full rate.

The effect is to continue the rates of duty applied to goods of those countries before the coming into operation of the No. 8 Order where they are lower than the rates prescribed in that Order.

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