

CUSTOMS TARIFF.

No. 15 of 1956.

An Act relating to Duties of Customs.

[Assented to 12th May, 1956.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

Short title
and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Customs Tariff* 1956.

(2.) The *Customs Tariff* 1933–1954* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1956.

Amendment of
Tariff.

2. The Schedule to the Principal Act is amended as set out in the Schedule to this Act and duties of Customs are imposed in accordance with the first-mentioned Schedule as amended by the last-mentioned Schedule.

Time of
imposition
of duties.

3. The time of the imposition of the duties of Customs imposed by this Act is the fifteenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, and this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation at that time.

* Act No. 27, 1933, as amended by No. 31, 1933; Nos. 14, 68, 76 and 80, 1936; Nos. 3, 67, 68 and 69, 1938; Nos. 2, 28, 53, 56, 59, 62 and 64, 1939; Nos. 1, 5, 9, 12 and 92, 1943; Nos. 76 and 79, 1949; Nos. 22, 32, 60 and 80, 1950; No. 82, 1952; No. 76, 1953; and Nos. 3 and 4, 1954.

THE SCHEDULE.

Section 2.

AMENDMENTS OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT.

IMPORT DUTIES.

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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| DIVISION I.—ALE, SPIRITS AND BEVERAGES. | | | |
| 1. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— | | | |
| “ 1. Ale and other beer, porter, cider and perry, spirituous :— | | | |
| (A) In containers not exceeding one gallon* per gallon | 11s. 1d. | 13s. 3d. | 14s. 4d. |
| (B) Otherwise per gallon | 10s. 7d. | 12s. 10d. | 12s. 10d. |
| * Six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints or twenty-four reputed half-pints to be charged as one gallon.” | | | |
| 3. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| “ (A) Brandy— | | | |
| (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon | 57s. 6d. | 58s. 6d. | 68s. 6d. |
| less per proof gallon | 4s. 6d. | 4s. 6d. | 4s. 6d. |
| (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon | 53s. | 54s. | 64s.” |
| By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— | | | |
| “ (2) Other— | | | |
| (a) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon | 68s. 6d. | 71s. 6d. | 71s. 6d. |
| and per proof gallon | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. |
| (b) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon | 94s. | 97s. | 97s.” |
| By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| “ (c) Gin, distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit, and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be gin distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit— | | | |
| (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon | 64s. 6d. | 65s. 6d. | 70s. 6d. |
| and per proof gallon | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. |
| (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon | 90s. | 91s. | 96s.” |
| By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| “ (D) Rum, pure, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be pure rum distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, under the conditions specified— | | | |
| (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon | 62s. 6d. | 65s. 6d. | 69s. 6d. |
| and per proof gallon | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. |
| (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon | 88s. | 91s. | 95s.” |

THE SCHEDULE—*continued.*

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| Division I.—Ale, Spirits, and Beverages—<i>continued.</i> | | | |
| 3.— <i>continued.</i> | | | |
| By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| “(E) Blended rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit which has been separately distilled from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be rum distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, under the conditions specified and so blended— | | | |
| (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon | 63s. 6d. | 66s. 6d. | 70s. 6d. |
| and per proof gallon | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. |
| (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon | 89s. | 92s. | 96s.” |
| By omitting the whole of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| “(G) Bitters— | | | |
| (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon | 67s. 6d. | 70s. 6d. | 72s. 6d. |
| and per proof gallon | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. |
| (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon | 93s. | 96s. | 98s.” |
| By omitting the whole of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| “(H) Liqueurs ; flavoured spirituous liquors, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws— | | | |
| (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon | 56s. 6d. | 56s. 6d. | 69s. 6d. |
| and per proof gallon | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. |
| (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon | 82s. | 82s. | 95s.” |
| By omitting the whole of sub-item (I) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| “(I) Other— | | | |
| (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon | 75s. 6d. | 75s. 6d. | 75s. 6d. |
| and per proof gallon | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. | 25s. 6d. |
| (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon | 101s. | 101s. | 101s.” |

DIVISION II.—TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.

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| 20. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— | | | |
| “20. Tobacco, cut, n.e.i.— | | | |
| (A) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 15 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such tobacco per lb. | 23s. 8d. | .. | .. |
| (B) Other per lb. | 24s. 11d. | 25s. 11d. | 25s. 11d.” |

THE SCHEDULE—*continued.*

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| Division II.—Tobacco and Manufactures thereof—<i>continued.</i> | | | |
| 21. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— | | | |
| “ 21. Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i., including the weight of tags, labels and other attachments— | | | |
| (A) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 15 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such tobacco | per lb. 23s. 5d. | | |
| (B) Other - - - - - per lb. | 24s. 8d. | 25s. 8d. | 25s. 8d.” |
| 22. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— | | | |
| “ 22. Cigarettes, including weight of cards and mouth-pieces contained in inside packages; fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes— | | | |
| (A) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 3 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such cigarettes or fine cut tobacco | per lb. 43s. | | |
| (B) Other— | | | |
| (1) Cigarettes including weight of cards and mouth-pieces contained in inside packages - - - per lb. | 43s. | 43s. | 46s. 4d. |
| (2) Fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes per lb. | 44s. 4d. | 46s. 4d. | 46s. 4d.” |
| 24. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— | | | |
| “ 24. Cigars, including the weight of bands and ribbons | | | |
| per lb. | 40s. 9d. | 40s. 9d. | 42s. 9d.” |
| DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES. | | | |
| 29. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (4) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :— | | | |
| “ (b) Having a recoverable petrol content* exceeding 70 per cent. - - - - - per gallon | 1s. 1d. | 1s. 1d. | 1s. 1d.” |
| By omitting the whole of paragraph (5) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— | | | |
| “ (5) Once-run distillate from crude petroleum n.e.i. | | | |
| per gallon | 1s. 1d. | 1s. 1d. | 1s. 1d.” |
| By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| “ (c) Petroleum and shale products, viz. :—naphtha, benzine, benzoline, gasoline, pentane, petrol and any other petroleum or shale spirit— | | | |
| (1) For use in aircraft, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - per gallon | 10d. | 10d. | 10d. |
| (2) Other - - - - - per gallon | 1s. 1d. | 1s. 1d. | 1s. 1d.” |
| By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— | | | |
| “ (2) N.E.I. - - - - - per gallon | 1s. 1d. | 1s. 1d. | 1s. 1d.” |