

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order, which comes into operation on 1 January 1976, replaces the Import Duties (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No 68) Order, 1974, as amended, and sets out the Bailiwick of Guernsey Customs Tariff and the protective import duties chargeable in accordance with it.

Section 3 of the Order provides in the case of full rates of import duty (those in column 2 of Schedule 2) for the moves which have to be made on 1 January 1976 towards the duties in the Common Customs Tariff (CCT) of the European Economic Community and the unified tariff of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC). These moves reduce the difference between the full rate of duty applied in the Bailiwick at 1 January 1972 ("the basic duty") and the duty in the CCT and the ECSC unified tariff by 80%, except in the case of horticultural products where the difference is reduced by 60%.

Section 4 of the Order continues the process begun by the Import Duties (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No 61) Order 1973 in providing a fourth 20% reduction of "the basic duties" on industrial goods entitled to benefit from the eventual abolition of customs duties in trade between the Bailiwick and Member States of the European Communities. It also provides the third 20% reduction of the basic duties in the case of horticultural products. (The intra-Community rates are those prefixed by "M" in column 3 of Schedule 2).

Section 5 of the Order provides for the maintenance of pre-accession duty-free or preferential treatment for goods of the Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom and Denmark.

Section 6 of the Order provides for goods of the EFTA countries which are included in the Agreements between those countries and the Community to remain duty-free if they are entitled to such treatment under the terms of the Agreements. It also prescribes preferential rates of duty for goods which are not entitled to duty-free treatment under the Agreements or which do not satisfy origin conditions necessary for entitlement to such treatment. It prescribes preferential rates equal to 80% (60% for horticultural products) of the duties shown in the CCT for goods which are excluded from the Agreements but were formerly duty-free as goods of EFTA Convention Area origin. (The rates described in this paragraph are those prefixed by "E" or "M", as the case may be, in Column 3 of Schedule 2).

Section 7 of the Order provides in the case of goods qualifying for Commonwealth preference -

- (a) for the further moves which have to be made towards the duties of the CCT on 1 January 1976; in general these moves reduce by 80% the difference between the Commonwealth preference area rate applied in the Bailiwick at 1 January 1972 and the duty in the CCT and ECSC unified tariff, except in the case of horticultural products where the difference is reduced by 60%. (The Commonwealth preference area rates are those prefixed by "C1" in column 3 of Schedule 2);
- (b) in the case of goods of Cyprus, Malta and Papua New Guinea, that the Commonwealth preference area rate applied before accession shall continue in force if lower than the rate chargeable under (a) above. (The rates applicable to goods of those countries are prefixed by "C2" in column 3 of Schedule 2).

The Order also provides (Section 9) for the conversion of sums expressed in units of account (UA) into pounds sterling where goods are classified or import duties are expressed by reference to UA.

IMPORT AND EXPORT (CONTROL) (GUERNSEY) LAW, 1946

THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF GOODS (CONTROL) (GUERNSEY) ORDER, 1971

AMENDMENT TO OPEN GENERAL IMPORT LICENCE

WHEREAS by the Import and Export of Goods (Control) (Guernsey) Order, 1971 dated the 16th March, 1971, (a), the importation into Guernsey of goods consigned from a place outside the United Kingdom, the Island of Jersey, the other Islands of the Bailiwick of Guernsey or the Isle of Man is prohibited unless under the authority of a licence granted by or on behalf of the States Board of Administration.

NOW THEREFORE the States Board of Administration, in exercise of its powers under Article 2 of the above-mentioned Order, hereby authorises as follows:-

1. The Open General Import Licence made by the States Board of Administration and dated the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and seventy-five, (b), is hereby amended as follows:-

In the First Schedule thereto for the entries relating to tariff headings 71.12, 71.13, 99.05 and 99.06 there is substituted the following:-

"ex 71.12 Gold medals, gold medallions, gold tablets and  
ex 71.13 other such gold pieces in pictorial relief  
or bearing inscriptions, other than those weighing  
not more than 8 grammes each and of a value  
not exceeding £15 each c.i.f. W11

"ex 99.05 Gold coins minted after 1837; gold medals,  
ex 99.06 gold medallions, gold tablets and other such  
gold pieces in pictorial relief or bearing  
inscriptions, minted or manufactured after  
1837, other than those weighing not more than  
8 grammes each and of a value not exceeding  
£15 each c.i.f. W11

2. This Amendment shall take effect on the twenty fourth day of December, nineteen hundred and seventy five, and may be modified or revoked at any time by the States Board of Administration.

Dated this twenty third day of December nineteen hundred and seventy five.

J.G.DOREY (Signed)

(J. G. Dorey)  
President of the States Board of Administration  
for and on behalf of the Board.

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(This Note is not part of the Amendment to the Open General Import Licence but is intended to indicate its general purport).

The effect of this Amendment is that gold medals, gold medallions, gold tablets and other gold pieces described in the Amendment, weighing not more than 8 grammes each and of a value not exceeding £15 each c.i.f., may now be imported from all sources (other than Southern Rhodesia) under the authority of the Licence.