

On softwood boxboards, dove-tailed, mortised or tenoned at the ends, imported in sets, which remain free of duty from Commonwealth countries, the most-favoured-nations rate is being reduced to 15%, compared with 20% before the Annecy negotiations.

The duty on prefabricated house sections, wholly or mainly of wood, is reduced from 20% to 15% when imported from non-Commonwealth countries. Commonwealth countries continue to enjoy free entry.

There is a 5% reduction in the duty to foreign countries on some iron and steel bars and rods valued between £35 and £70 per ton. The duty on specified types of seamless pipes and tubes has been adjusted downward so as to permit of a maximum annual quota of 5,000 tons from all sources to be admitted at a rate not exceeding 15% ad valorem. This involves a slight reduction in the rate presently applicable to imports from non-Commonwealth countries. Imports within this quota from Commonwealth countries remain free of duty. On imports in excess of the quota, the rate to non-Commonwealth countries is not to exceed £10 per ton or 25%, whichever is the greater. On such imports the rate to Commonwealth countries may be modified in order to avoid increasing the existing margin of preference.

The duty on ground feldspar, when imported from non-Commonwealth countries, was reduced from 10% to 5%, free entry continuing for imports from Commonwealth countries.

The duty on cod liver oil imported in casks or drums is reduced from 1s.4d. per gallon to 1s. Imports from countries entitled to preferential treatment will continue free of duty.

The duty on taximeters has been reduced from 33-1/3% to 20%. On this item the preferential rate has been reduced from 22-2/9% to 13-1/3%. Although there is some narrowing of the margin of preference, the reduction in duty may be of interest to Canadian producers.

AUSTRALIA

In Australia the margin of preference extended to Canada on garden and field spraying machines is being reduced from 22-1/2% to 20%. The actual rate of duty on imports from preferential sources is 5% so that the duty on imports from non-preferential sources, although not specified in the schedule, will probably become 25% instead of the present 27-1/2%. In other cases there are minor reductions in the margin of preference due to the elimination of a number of primage duties, which were formerly 5% higher on imports from non-Commonwealth countries than on imports from Commonwealth countries. Items so affected include rollers and ball bearings, wood-screws, incandescent lamps of the pressure type for liquid fuel, acetylene lanterns for lighthouses, oil or spirit heating lamps, printers' type, strawpaper and strawboard other than corrugated valued at more than £21.5.0 per ton.

NEW ZEALAND

In the New Zealand tariff the rates on certain timber items not included in the Geneva negotiations were brought into line with the rates expressed in the Geneva schedule on Douglas fir. This involved a reduction in the margin of preference from 2 shillings per 100 superficial feet to 1 shilling per 100 superficial feet. Doors of wood are reduced from 65% plus 5% of the duty or 9s.6d. each plus 5% of the duty,

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