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NEW ZEALAND IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

The following communications, received from the Government of New Zealand for the information of the contracting parties are Annexes to L/2230 as they embody the results of the review of imports which was promised in that document.

The main features are the addition of ten items to those completely exempt from restrictions and increased licensing entitlement for a wide range of commodities.

ANNEX A

7 October 1964
(for the press)

REVIEW OF 1964/65 LICENSING SCHEDULE

The need to maintain New Zealand's industries at a steady rate of production is a major factor in the Government's decision to provide additional funds for imports of essential raw materials, the Minister of Customs (Hon. N.L. Shelton) said today in a review of the 1964/65 Importing Licensing Schedule.

Mr. Shelton announced the exemption of ten items in the raw material or essential export field, the issue of additional licences for manufacturers' raw materials and the provision of limited funds for new importers.

"This provision for further essential imports has been made in the light of the undertaking I made when announcing the current schedule in April that I would review the position in September", he said.

Manufacturers' raw materials

Mr. Shelton recalled that the original import provision for many items involving manufacturers' raw materials was on a scale less than the value of licences available during 1963/64. "This has resulted in strong pressure for additional licences" he said.

"It has been decided that provision will be made in the current year to allow in general 100 per cent of 1963/64 licence levels for manufacturers' raw material requirements. Funds have also been provided to assist in meeting the significant rises in world prices for non-ferrous metals, and these should allow about the same volume of imports as in 1963/64.

Exemptions from import licence

"The ten items being exempted from import licensing are a further application of the Government's policy to exempt items from import licensing as and when circumstances permit."

"The commodities exempted are molasses, mustard flour, crude gypsum, raw tanning materials, mineral medicinal oil, timber preserving preparations, raw rubber, uncompounded rubber, match splints and meat wraps. These are all basic raw materials of a type not available in New Zealand, or items more particularly associated with our primary industry development.

"Provision has been made to meet the cost of the A licence anomaly scheme announced earlier this year, and additional funds have also been provided for a range of other imported commodities. These cover the greatly increased import requirements of Power Boards for electrical reticulation requirements, components for the television industry, the increasing demand for spare parts for the wide range of machinery and equipment in operation in New Zealand, commercial vehicles, certain agricultural chemicals, joinery and furniture timbers, dried fruit and oranges.

New importers

"In the terms of the Government's election policy I hope to make a start with some provision for new importers. In view of the great demand for imports and the consequent drain on our overseas reserves, the allocation for new importers will have to be very much less than I would like it to be, but at least we will begin to implement our policy. Fuller details of the nature and scope of this scheme will be announced later after proposals have been examined by Cabinet."

Mr. Shelton said new importers should not submit applications until full details of this scheme were released.

"It has not been possible in this review to allow for general increases in a wide range of consumer items. It is a case of sheer necessity that in taking account of the higher expenditure likely to occur through the greater use of import licences, we have concentrated on additional provision for essential raw materials." Fuller details of the increased licence allocations being made for specific items would be made available from Collectors of Customs next week, he said.

ANNEX B

19 October 1964

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM IMPORT LICENSING NO. 1964/65

Exemptions

1. The following item codes are exempt from import licensing with effect from 16 October 1964. Copies of the relevant Gazette Notice will be available in due course.

<u>Item Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
06.02	Molasses
09.02	Mustard flour packed other than for retail sale
23.02	Crude rubber, including synthetic and reclaimed, other than chicle gum
27.04	Crude gypsum; limestone flux and calcareous stone
29.04	Raw vegetable materials (except turmeric) of a kind used primarily in dyeing or tanning; synthetic organic dyestuffs etc., and natural indigo; colour lakes, etc.
33.07	Mineral oil specially suited for medicinal purposes, etc., as approved
59.10	Timber preserving preparations
62.01	Plates, sheets and strip of unvulcanized natural or synthetic rubber; viz. uncompounded
63.05	Match splints
65.26	Meat wraps, cotton, of knitted or crocheted fabrics; cheese bandages and caps

2. It will be necessary to recall and amend licences already issued under Industry Groups, or licence aggregation schemes, which contain tariff items now exempt from licence.

3. The licences will be recalled and amended on the following basis:

- (a) Licence holder who entered group or had an aggregated licence for the first time in 1963/64 period licence and bank copy will be reduced by relevant value taken into group at the time group licence was compiled. In most cases this will be 75 per cent of the 1963/64 licence.

- (b) Licence holder who held group licence in 1963/64 period and carried this licence into equivalent 1964/65 group - licence and bank copy will be reduced by 100 per cent of 1963/64 imports of relevant goods under 1963/64 group licence.
- (c) In some cases it may be found that the licence holder may have reduced 1964/65 orders for goods now exempt below the level of previous licence or imports and is using that entitlement to import other items in the Group. The procedure outlined in (a) and (b) above would thus not allow him sufficient licence to import the goods on order. Collectors will allow the licence holder to import such goods in transit prior to 16 October only. Any requests for permission to import goods not yet shipped will be referred to Head Office.

Amendments to allocations

4. The allocations for the undermentioned item codes are amended as shown. It will be necessary for licence holders to make application for increased licence. Licences will NOT be issued under the automatic issue procedure. If an applicant has already received licences additional to the original basic allocation which brings his total licences in excess of or equal to the increased allocation now authorized, further additional licence will not be issued.

<u>Item Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Allocation amended to</u>
24.04	Redwood, western red cedar, etc.	130 per cent of 1964/65 licences issued prior to 19.10.64
24.06	Ash, hickory, etc.	133 1/3 per cent of 1964 licences issued prior to 19.10.64
26.01	Silk; flax fibres, etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences
27.14	Dolomite; magnesite	100 per cent 1963 licences (same goods)
29.02	Other crude animal materials of Tariff Group 291	100 per cent 1963 licences
42.01	Vegetable oils (excluding coconut oil, etc.) in containers of a capacity of 1 gal. or more etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences
43.01	Animal and vegetable oils	100 per cent 1963 licences (same goods)
51.03	Chlorine; zinc oxide; etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences (same goods)
52.02	Other mineral tar and crude chemicals from coal, etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences (same goods)
58.11	Plastic, plates, sheets, etc. viz. other kinds, printed, etc., as may be approved etc.	C (with basic licences 100 per cent 1963 licences)
59.22	Starch glues; etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences (same goods)

<u>Item Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Allocation amended to.</u>
61.01	Leather, crust or rough tanned etc. viz. calfskins etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences
62.03	Unvulcanized natural or synthetic rubber in the form of tubes, etc.	C (with basic licences 100 per cent 1963 licences)
62.12	Plates, sheets etc. composed principally of unhardened vulcanized rubber; etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences (same goods)
62.26	Plain unornamental stoppers for trade containers of hardened or unhardened vulcanized rubber	C (with basic licences 100 per cent 1963 licences)
64.13	Machine made paper and paper-board n.e.i. etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences
65.02	Yarns and threads containing in any proportion man-made discontinuous fibres etc. viz. hand-knitting	100 per cent 1963 licences
65.03	Yarns and threads etc. as above in 65.02 viz. other than hand-knitting	100 per cent 1963 licences
65.63	Yarns and threads of continuous nylon fibres	C (with basic licences 100 per cent imports same goods under 1963 licences as transfer from Item Codes 65.01 and 65.07)
65.12	Monofilament not exceeding 1 mm. etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences
65.31	Textile fabrics coated with gum, etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences
66.01	Ciment fordu, slag cement, etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences
66.07	Slates for the manufacture of billiard tables	100 per cent 1963 licences
66.09	Millstones, grindstones, etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences
66.11	Worked mica and articles of mica	100 per cent 1963 licences
66.22	Glass, plate or sheet etc. to be used in the manufacture of, etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences
66.30	Stoppers, and other closures of glass etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences (same goods)
67.01	Semis (including blanks) of iron or steel, etc.	C (with basic licences 100 per cent 1963 licences)
ex 71.72	Component parts for the manufacture of fork lift trucks and reach trucks	100 per cent 1963 licences
89.26	Golf club shafts of steel etc.	100 per cent 1963 licences

<u>Item code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Allocation amended to</u>
<u>Materials and components to be used in the manufacture of:</u>		
G101	Biscuits and confectionery	100% 1963 licences
G102	Brushware	100% 1963 licences
G103	Paints, varnishes and printing ink	100% 1963 licences
G104	Incandescent and fluorescent lamps	100% 1963 licences
G105	Polishes - household etc; soaps etc.	100% 1963 licences
G106	Radios, transmitters and electronic apparatus	100% 1963 licences
G107	Gas and electric ranges, refrigerators, etc.	100% 1963 licences
G108	Electric storage batteries	100% 1963 licences
G109	Rubber goods	100% 1963 licences
G110	Toilet preparations and cosmetics	100% 1963 licences
G111	Toys, perambulators and tricycles	100% 1963 licences
G113	Footwear	100% 1963 licences
G115	Carpets	100% 1963 licences
G116	Garments	100% 1963 licences
G117	Tanning of hides and skins	100% 1963 licences

Individual consideration

5. The following is a list of items for which some increased import provision (in general for manufacturer's raw materials) is being made during the 1964/65 licensing period and in respect of which applications for licences will be dealt with on an individual consideration basis:

<u>Item code</u>	<u>Description</u>
00.01	Live animals, etc.
05.04	Fruits, dried, etc.
22.02	Oilseeds (except linseed), etc.
26.02	Wool (excluding sheeps etc.) and other animal hair etc.

<u>Item code</u>	<u>Description</u>
26.06	Nylon staple fibre
27.02	Slate, marble etc.
27.10	Industrial diamonds, etc.
41.02	Cod liver oil
51.04	Organic and inorganic chemicals etc.
53.04	Printers' ink, other
55.03	Organic surface-active agents, etc.
58.05	Plastic profile shapes, other etc.
59.01	Disinfectants, packed for retail sale; sheep-dip, etc.
59.03	Disinfectants, packed other than for retail sale
59.04	Weedkillers, etc.
59.05	Other kinds of disinfectants, etc.
61.02	Leather dressed viz. equine leather, etc.
61.16	Bovine cattle leather (except calfskins)
61.05	Calfskins, dressed etc.
61.11	Parts of footwear etc.
61.13	Buckles, clasps etc.
62.06	Unvulcanized natural rubber etc. in other forms etc.
62.24	Transmission, conveyor, etc. belting etc.
63.03	Plywood
63.08	Footwear lasts of wood
63.15	Articles of natural cork; agglomerated cork in sheets, etc.
65.20	Felted textiles
65.27	Narrow woven fabrics, etc.
65.30	Felt, other than articles, etc.
66.07	Setts and flags, etc.
66.23	Glass, other
66.24	Safety glass etc.
69.20	Washers and spring washers, etc.
69.35	Frames, incorporating locks, for handbags, etc.

<u>Item code</u>	<u>Description</u>
71.03	Pistons, cylinder sleeves, etc.
71.04	Mufflers, n.e.i.; etc.
71.11	Valves
71.12	Shell bearings
71.25	Data processing equipment
71.51	Gaskets etc.
71.67	Accessories and parts etc.
72.05	Electric motors, etc.
72.50	Incandescent filament lamp bulbs etc.
Ex 73.02) 73.04)	Commercial vehicles
81.05	Central heating boilers, etc.; etc.
86.22	Revolution counters etc.
89.61	Button moulds; etc.
89.71	Skins etc.
G504	Spare and service parts of motor vehicles
Various	Spare parts of plant and machinery
Various	Non-ferrous metals (significant price increase).