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State Intelligence

TREASURY

Treasury Chambers,
London, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under Sections 11, 2 and 13 of the Import Duties Act 1958.

The Import Duties (General) (No. 7) Order 1971.

This Order, which comes into operation on 1 January 1972:

- (1) consolidates the Import Duties (General) (No. 7) Order 1970 and the Orders amending it,
- (2) completes the process begun by the Import Duties (General) (No. 4) Order 1968 and continued in subsequent Orders, in that it again reduces, as the fourth and last of a series of reductions, the full rate of import duty (and, where applicable the Commonwealth preference rate) on a wide range of goods in accordance with the undertakings given by the United Kingdom at Geneva and set out in the June 1967 Protocol to the General Agreement of Tariff and Trade (the Kennedy Round; Cmd. 3347),
- (3) effects some further simplifications of the tariff by again reducing the number of sub-divisions in certain headings and entirely eliminating those in others where previously differing rates of duty have been brought to the same level as a result of the reductions referred to in (2) above,
- (4) impose new duties, generally at the rate of 85 per cent of the full rates, on imports of certain cotton textiles (as defined in the Order) from

countries in the Commonwealth Preference Area other than the Republic of Ireland,

(5) provides in some descriptions and rates of duty for a change to metric units where consultation has shown their use to be desired by the industries concerned,

(6) adapts the text of certain chapter notes and headings to take account of the consolidation of the law relating to the hydrocarbon oil duty in the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs and Excise) Act 1971,

(7) effects minor alterations to the tariff, including modifications in certain headings to facilitate implementation of the provisions of Section 11 of the Finance Act 1971 introducing the Generalised System of Preferences and

(8) incorporates amendments to tariff headings, section and chapter notes and the interpretative rules to give effect to a Recommendation of the Customs Co-operation Council designed to bring the Brussels Nomenclature (on which the United Kingdom Tariff is based) abreast of various technological developments and in other respects to improve its texts.

The Order comes into operation on 1st January 1972 and has been published as Statutory Instrument 1971 No. 1813.

Copies of the Order may be purchased (Price £1.65 Net) direct from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, at the addresses shown on the last page of this Gazette, or from any bookseller.